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Barbara Pfeiffer Memorial Hall, built in 1926, has served as NCC's performing arts center for 71 years. In addition to staging major student theater productions, Pfeiffer Hall also played host to many campus and community events including Gospel Fest and the annual Honors Convocation. (photo by Todd Hertz)

At right, seniors Kelli Eizenga and Julie Cronin spend some quality time with their buddy, senior Mike Brown.



In addition to being a member of the forensics team and the Kindling staff, sophomore Jeff Schroetlin worked as a Peer Career Adviser in the Career Development Center (right).



Above, students play Twister during Octoberfest celebrations in Merner Fieldhouse. The event was one of many activities included in Alcohol Awareness Week. (photo by Amy Ory)

Senior forward Dave Groharing goes up for two in basketball action. He was named CCIW "Player of the Week" twice during the season and earned first team all-CCIW honors.



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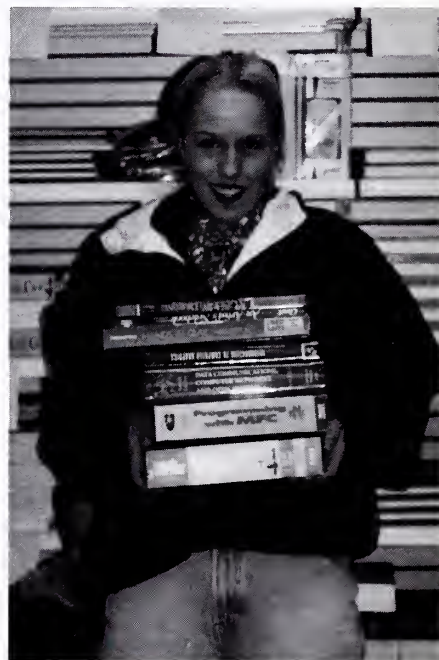
Throughout the year, students could be found

displaying their considerable talents in arenas of sports or the

arts. Others found rewards in student organizations and activities. But for most,

the best times were those shared with friends.

Sophomore Greg Jensen makes use of the popular courtesy phone in the lobby of White Activities Center.



Junior Amy Ory balances a heavy load of textbooks. Making a costly trek to the bookstore is a ritual for the beginning of each term.

Old Main On the Move

The beginning renovation of Old Main, which celebrated its 125th year in 1995, marked the first in a series of major building projects for the college. During spring term, offices began shuffling into modular units in preparation for the building's year-long renovation. While inconvenient, the benefits of converting the historic building into a modern facility were expected to be worth the temporary pain.





Above, the 127-year-old Old Main, is blanketed by snow during winter term. While still sturdy and attractive, the antiquated interior of the building was ready for renovation after a successful fundraising campaign. *(photo by Sara Swenson)*

At left, an artist's rendering shows the exterior of Old main once renovation is complete. The multi-million project, which will add 5,000 square feet to the building, is scheduled to be completed for the opening of classes in fall 1998.

Varied campus activities keep students

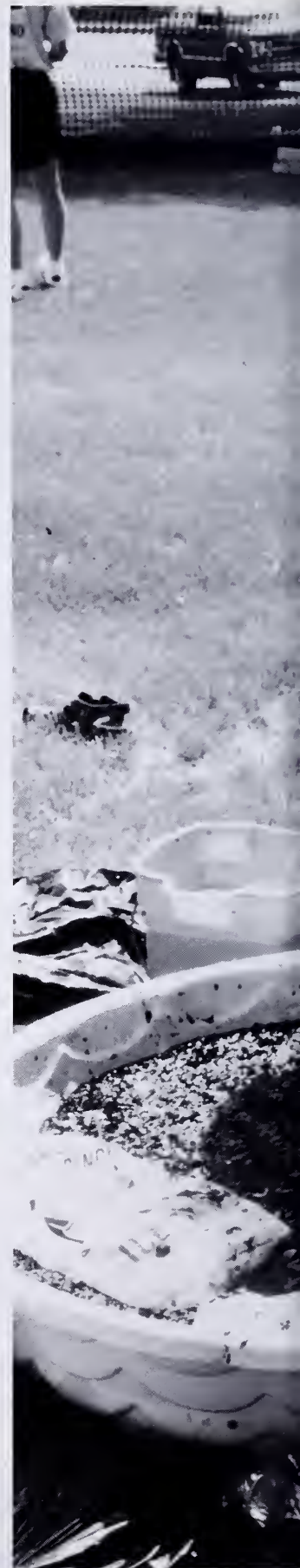
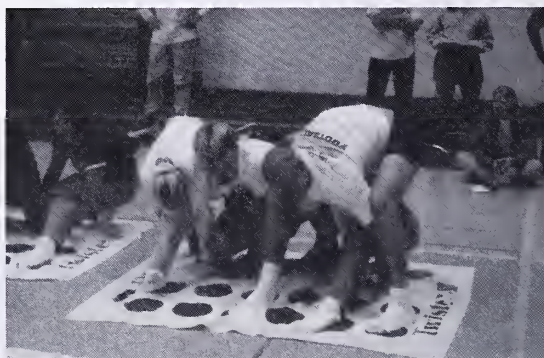
On the fast track to fun

Whether they were experiencing the joys of walking through Jello at Springfest or just hanging out in the dorms, NCC students found plenty of opportunities to unwind from the demands of textbooks and classrooms. From big, organized events like dances and Homecoming activities to spontaneous trips to Chicago or beyond, students discovered plenty of ways to create their own good times.



For many students, getting together for parties is one of the highlights of college life. Pictured above, from left, are Jen Coglianesse, Daren Dusenski, Marta Swanson, Chris Larson, Leah Grothus, Mike O'Malley, Paige Wagner, Ken Carlson and Luke Payette.

Students enjoy an entwined game of Twister at Merner Fieldhouse.





(Top) Don Shadian makes the most out of his meals at Kaufman.

(Middle) Mandy Umhoefer finds her dorm room to be a good place for studying.

(Bottom) Students enjoy doing the Macerena at the Country Line Dancing night put on by CUAB Fall term.

(Left) Michelle Nelson and Erin Ruggaber fish for a prize with their feet in Jello at Springfest.

Homecoming hoopla

Campus unites during fun-filled week of activities

Commuters on Wheels members (from left) Jen Hill, Tiffany Lis, Stephanie Oberlin, Jason Kowalkowski and Becky Michelsen prepare for the Homecoming parade (Right).

COW members (from left) Jason Kowalkowski, Carrie Klein and Kevin Schofield begin work on their Homecoming float (Below).



The poms and cheerleaders prepare for their turn in the Homecoming parade the morning of the game.

Merner Fieldhouse was the place for fun on Friday night of Homecoming weekend. These students try to be the first team to weave and unweave a string through their clothes.





Using their necks, freshmen Lisa Bronson and Nick Erdmann try passing a balloon during Homecoming activities at Merner Fieldhouse.

Members of the Homecoming court ride past Pfeiffer Hall during the Homecoming parade.



'Homecoming Express' arrives on NCC campus

Although the football team fell to the Augustana Vikings 39-13 in homecoming action, the football stadium was only one place to find fun and camaraderie during Homecoming Week, which kicked off on Oct. 20 with window painting in the White Activities Center.

"All Aboard the Homecoming Express" was the theme for the week's events. On Wednesday evening, students competed in games at Merner Fieldhouse and had the chance to make their own music videos in Geiger Lounge. On Friday night, the women's Pumpkin Volleyball Tournament was followed by the traditional Pep Rally and Assembly in Merner Fieldhouse.

After a long absence, the tradition of a homecoming parade returned to campus, with Cardinals On Wheels earning a first-place prize for best float.

Homecoming royalty included seniors Stacey Mercer and Mike Brown, juniors Donnell Harris and Kathy Guy, sophomores Kevin Stahr and Liz Thiltgen and freshmen Eddie Rogers and Vicky Miller.

The packed weekend of activities culminated with the Homecoming Dance at the Courtyard in Warrenville.



Freshmen Lisa Bronson and Nick Erdmann pass a string through their clothes during Homecoming activities at Merner Fieldhouse.



Homecoming offers the first of several chances to enjoy music, dancing and friends in an all-campus setting.

Pausing for a moment of silliness are (from left) Lynda Gallico, Jared Rogers, Kevin Hicks and Jen Coon.



Homecoming Dance

Year-opening social event draws crowd



Vicki Miller and her date enjoy each other's company at the dance.



Matt Gross and his date relax during one of the many slow dances.

Showing their excitement are Brynn Krogh and Michele Kilcer.

Costumes on campus

Pumpkins and parties make Halloween fun

by Nicole Hrycyk

As we grew older, our parents always told us that Halloween was for kids. Once we got into high school, we were supposed to stay in and pass out the candy, or else we were off to a party. Either way, it seems that the fun of Halloween was diminished.

Students all across North Central's campus are proving their parents wrong. The spirit of Halloween ran rampant through the college this year...costumes and parties galore!

Most students came all dressed up to the Halloween party that was sponsored in upstairs WAC. There were pumpkins, '70s men, and even Jackie O. made an appearance.

They all enjoyed a fun night of '80s music, food and friends.

Rall third floor also sponsored a Halloween party. Not only was it a chance to celebrate the day, it gave the floor residents a great chance to get to know each other. Residents played games, had some Halloween munchies and just had fun. "Pin the face on the Pumpkin" was the game of choice, and the music of the Chicago Bulls was played.

The fun activities around campus just go to show you that the little kid in us never dies. We all like to dress silly once in awhile, pig out on sweets, and let the ghosts and goblins give us a scare.

(Below) Nick Erdmann, Tom Renardo, Ryan Dannhorn, and Daren Dusenske live it up at the dance in WAC. (photo by Sara Swenson)



(Above) A firefighter and his Dalmatian friend arrive for Halloween festivities at WAC.

(Right) Jay Loebach models the latest in pumpkin fashions. (photo by Sara Swenson)





(Left) Rall third floor Halloween party participants pose for a photo. Thanks to RA's Karmen Etter and Kim Sluis, the party was a smashing success.

(Below) Tade Howieson and Olga Tchetchina masquerade on their way to the dance in WAC. (photo by Nicole Hrycyk)



(Above) A pimp, his girl and his slave have a blast at the Halloween dance. (photo by Sara Swenson)



(Left) Dwight Varner as a woman? And, what a lovely one at that! (photo by Sara Swenson)



Although the turnout was relatively small, those who attended the Winter Dance in White Activities Center knew how to heat up the dance floor.

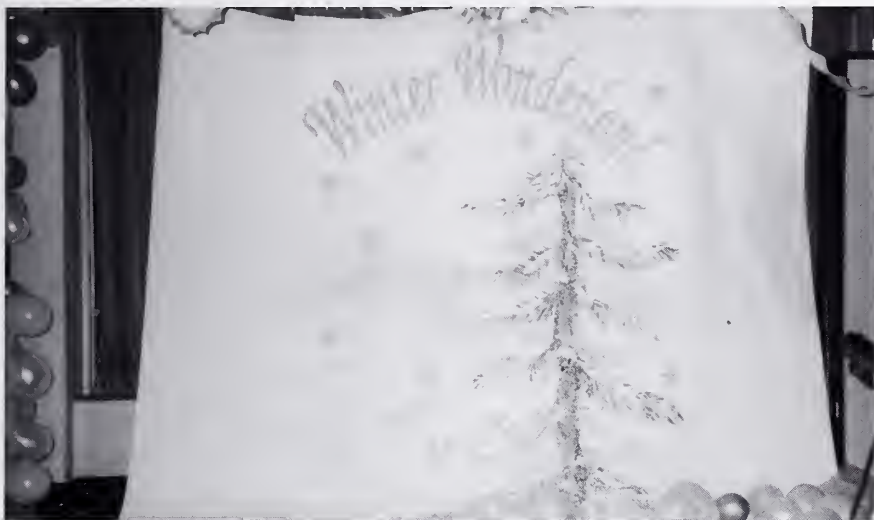
Eric Lindley finds himself surrounded by lovely ladies (from left) Nicole Hrycyk, Erin Swigart, Mandy Umhoefer and Donna White.

Photos by Sara Swenson



Winter Wonderland

On-campus dance draws small crowd



"Winter Wonderland" was the theme and decorating scheme for the winter dance at WAC.



The on-campus location for Winter Dance was a convenient and inexpensive choice for many students.

From left, Mandy Umhoefer and Nicole Hrycyk show off their slinky black dresses at the Winter Dance.

New kids on the block

Radio station is no longer a 'hidden asset'

WONC staffer Paul Johnson's pickup serves as a moving truck as boxes of supplies and equipment are moved from the fourth floor of Old Main to the station's new studios across campus.

A new, high-traffic locale on Chicago Avenue gives WONC higher visibility in the Naperville community.



After months of planning, WONC moved into its new studios in the Chicago House and began broadcasting from its new location on Feb. 19. The studios were dedicated and renamed in memory of NCC radio pioneer Guy Oliver on May 17.

WONC General Manager John Madormo attempts to untangle a phone cord from his leg as he helps with the WONC move.





Displaying his excellent balancing skills, senior Lynn Carrington helps carry boxes into WONC's new Chicago Avenue studios.

WONC gains high visibility with prominent new location

by Jeremy Gudauskas

When President Hal Wilde's new neighbors moved in during February, he wasn't bothered by their constant music.

The new kids on the block are the staff of WONC radio, who made their move from the fourth floor of Old Main to the newly renovated Chicago House on the busy corner of Brainard Street and Chicago Avenue.

"Our radio station is one of the great assets of North Central College and the Naperville community," says President Wilde. "It has also been a hidden asset, unless someone came upon 89.1 on their FM dial. Now they'll see that station and turn there right away."

For 28 years, the WONC staff had made the climb up the 83 stairs of Old Main and General Manager John Madormo had been making the four-story hike for 16 years. But now the station that leads the country in Marconie awards will be visible not only in college radio circles, but also to the campus and community. "It will give us our own true identity," said Madormo.

The move to new facilities involved \$160,000 worth of new equipment and house renovations including new heating, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical and duct work. "When I saw the house when students were living there, I couldn't imagine converting it into a radio station," recounted Madormo. "But I am amazed at the transformation."

WONC is now handicapped accessible, something that was not possible in the antiquated Old Main facility.

While being on display has definite promotional benefits, it also has raised the issue of security. Being easily accessible is bound to draw visitors, welcome or not. "I was concerned," said Madormo, "but the administration has addressed all of our security needs."

"These provisions include bright exterior lighting, burglar alarms, motion detectors, steel entrance doors, and a phone system in the outer lobby for visitors.

"It has everything I had hoped for," says Madormo. "And, of course, we always have Hal next door as our personal bouncer."



In the midst of moving mayhem, freshman John Shapiro catches a few winks on a WONC loveseat that has yet to be moved from the top floor of Old Main.

(Photos by Joe Dennis)



Liz Thiltgen, Martha Klara and Jen Hill take time out from dancing.

Student Activities Director Mary Reynolds, Director of Multi-cultural Affairs Karl Brooks and his wife, Shanitra, were among several faculty and staff members who attended Spring Formal.



Spring Formal

Students enjoy elegant affair



Students don formal attire for last dance of the year

Although April weather tended to be more like winter than spring, North Central students celebrated with their traditional spring formal on April 25 at the Country Lakes in Naperville.

Sophomore Liz Thiltgen, the social events director of CUAB and her committee committed many hours of work to the event, "Spring into the Night," in order to give students a night to remember for many years to come.

Students dance the night away at Country Lakes in Naperville.



Slow dances bring out the romantic mood for many North central couples.

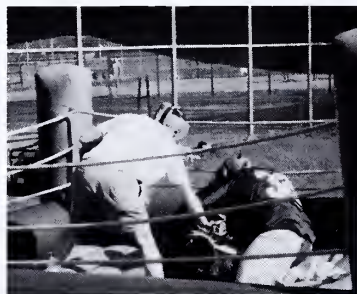
Lauren Simonis and Joel Curry sit down to take a break from dancing.

Where the Wild Things Are

CUAB's year-end party becomes part of spring tradition

At right, Jen Hill becomes a human bowling ball as she is pushed along by Kevin Stahr, Matt Hamsmith, Tiffany Lis and Jen Wojcik. (photo by Nicole Hrycyk)

Below, bouncy boxing proved to be a popular activity at Springfest. (photo by Julie Cronin)



Students found they could get better traction in the human joust by going barefoot. (photo by Julie Cronin)

At right, sophomore Michael Cull takes his turn in the Aerospin. (photo by Julie Cronin)





From left, friends Marti Sivisend, Brandi Eizenga, Nate Stanton, Jen Keeler, and Kelli Eizenga enjoy the warm afternoon. (photo by Julie Cronin)

A day for fun

Pleasant weather helps make fourth spring festival a success

by Kevin Stahr

Plenty of good food and a variety of music provided the accompaniment to fun-filled activities at the fourth annual North Central SpringFest, which was held outside Merner Fieldhouse on Saturday, May 10.

The theme for the jam-packed event was "Where the Wild Things Are." Concessionaire *Record-A-Hit* provided such activities as aerospin, bouncy boxing, a caricaturist and face painter, gladiator joust, human bowling, moonwalk, temporary tatoos and the velcro obstacle course.

Besides the activities, there was an emphasis this year on getting more NCC groups involved. Student-sponsored booths included a pie-throwing contest sponsored by American Chemical Society and jello-bobbing sponsored by Cardinals On Wheels. A variety of food and drink was sold by other student groups including Cardinal Athletic Training Students (CATS), Student Governing Board (SGB), and Newman Club.

Providing varied entertainment throughout the day were musical groups including the alternative band Slob, reggae band Water House, Top 40 band Brass Bullet, and oldies rock band Northstar.

CUAB President Dawn Gallinger said SpringFest is considered by many to be a fun year-end party.

"It's an opportunity for students to socialize with their friends and have a chance to relax before finals."

What started off as an experiment four years ago is starting to become one of the most popular annual events at NCC each spring. "A tradition is being built," Gallinger said.



Elizabeth Brichetto goes for broke in the Elastarun. (photo by Nicole Trycyk)

At right, buddies Josh Norman, Steve Donnelly, Tony Ellis and Andy Hardin enjoy the day at SpringFest.



At right, Kevin Stahr, president of Commuters on Wheels, keeps watch over his organization's Jello-Bobbing booth.

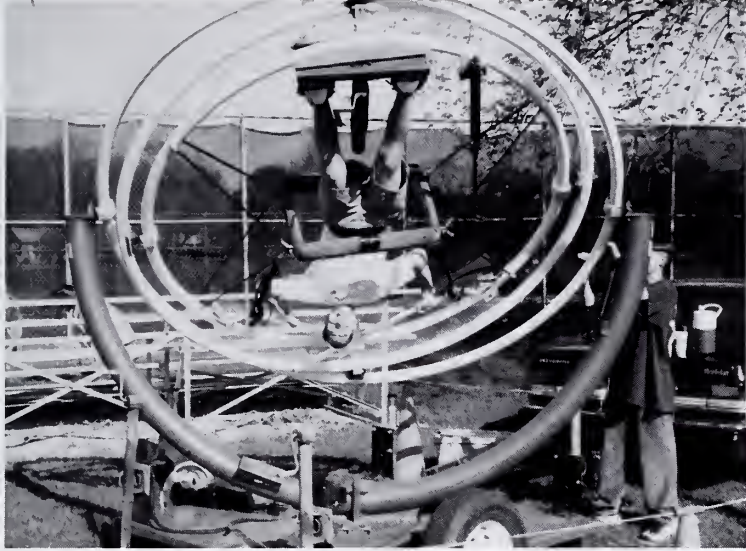


Below, students feel the ooze as they take part in the Jello-Bobbing booth sponsored by COW.



Springfest means an all-day party

A student has his world turned upside down in the aerospin.



Human jousting offered another way to inflict injury on your friends.



At left, two students battle it out in the bouncy boxing ring.

Enjoying the band Singled Out during the evening are (back row) Nicole Hrycyk, Mandy Umhoefer, Erin Swigart and (front row) Jenni Underhill and Emily Dodson.

Helping hands

ASP gives students a chance to give of themselves to others

by Leslie Moore

A chance to help others and spend time with friends seemed to be the main motivation of the more than 20 students who traveled to one of the poorest areas of the country during interim for the Appalachia Service Project.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is "a home repair/home building ministry which responds to the housing needs of economically disadvantaged people in Appalachia using a Christian perspective," according to informational posters. Groups from North Central have been participating in this program for six years.

According to college chaplain Lynn Pries, the school's purpose for sending students on these trips is to give them the opportunity to have an experience helping people in personal situations. The school also hopes students will learn to work together to accomplish Christian service and learn about another culture.

Most of the jobs the group is assigned consist of repairs, but home construction in Appalachia is much different from in Naperville. In many cases, there is no insulation, the outside is covered with tar paper, the wiring is hanging outside of the walls, and in some cases, there is no indoor plumbing.

During much of their stay, the students worked side by side with the family they were helping. The families are not required to help, but Pries says most of them do. Although it is sometimes difficult to communicate with the families because they look at students as "rich Yankees," about 95 percent are friendly and appreciate what the groups are doing for them, Pries said.

When students prepare for the trip it is the families that they want to help. Sophomore Beth Leto, who went on the ASP trip for the first time in December, said she had heard only positive things about the program.

Sophomore Karen Etter, who went on the ASP trip during her freshman year, said she decided to return in order to "spend quality time with friends while doing something beneficial for others."

Pries said he hopes that students who participate in the program "get a stronger connection between faith and how they express their faith in their daily lives." He recognizes that most NCC students come from middle class background where they have never had to worry about having a roof over their heads. Many of these students will be going on to positions of leadership where they can influence others. Pries quotes from Luke 12:48: "From those to whom much is given, much is required."



NCC students take a lunch break on the porch of the house they are helping to repair during the ASP trip from Dec. 8-14, 1996.



From left, Cindy Aglinskas, Leslie Moore, Glenn Williamson and Christina Mack work on the metal roof of a home in Appalachia.



Some members of the ASP project pose for a group photo. From left, Glenn Williamson, Leslie Moore, Kim Sluis, Cindy Aglinskas, Christina Mack and Craig Schurter.

Expressing their faith

'To whom much is given, much is required'



Above, Leslie Moore and Kim Sluis take a well deserved work break.

At left, Kim Sluis climbs a ladder to join her project partners on the roof.

Just hangin' out with friends

Students take time out for fun throughout the school year

At right, sophomore Kasia Jackson laughs as her friend, junior Michelle Clark, reacts after taking a bite of sour apple.

Below, junior Traci Edwards poses with her carnation at the Homecoming Dance.



Above, senior Tonio Souri earned a name for himself as host of the NNTZtant Replay dance in Seager Lounge during spring term as well as the T3 Dance Party in Geiger during winter term.

At right, the women's cross country team visits the largest cheese store in Wisconsin on their way to the LaCrosse Invitational.



At left, Amber Cobb and Katy Montgomery demonstrate how to have fun at the Homecoming Dance.

Below, students take part in a giant game of Twister during Octoberfest activities in Merner Fieldhouse.



Freshman Ami Legarreta and senior Leon Clark put their two happy faces together.



Freshmen Emily Dodson and Erin Swigart show off a dorm room in Rall Hall (photo by Nicole Hrycyk).



Above, a student does a double-take as a worker balances two boxes on his back while helping to move the Registrar's office out of Old Main.

Moving trucks became a familiar sight around Old Main during spring.



Moving Day

Trucks roll in during spring term



Students and staff help with back-breaking work

Spring term brought with it the familiar sight of carpenters and moving trucks as the daunting task of moving Old Main began. By mid-June, the historic building was expected to be completely vacated of its residents, including major administrative offices, the bookstore and more than a dozen faculty offices. The multi-million dollar construction project, which will add 5,000 square feet of space, was expected to be completed by fall of 1988.

At left, a worker temporarily stacks boxes in the lobby of WAC before moving them upstairs.



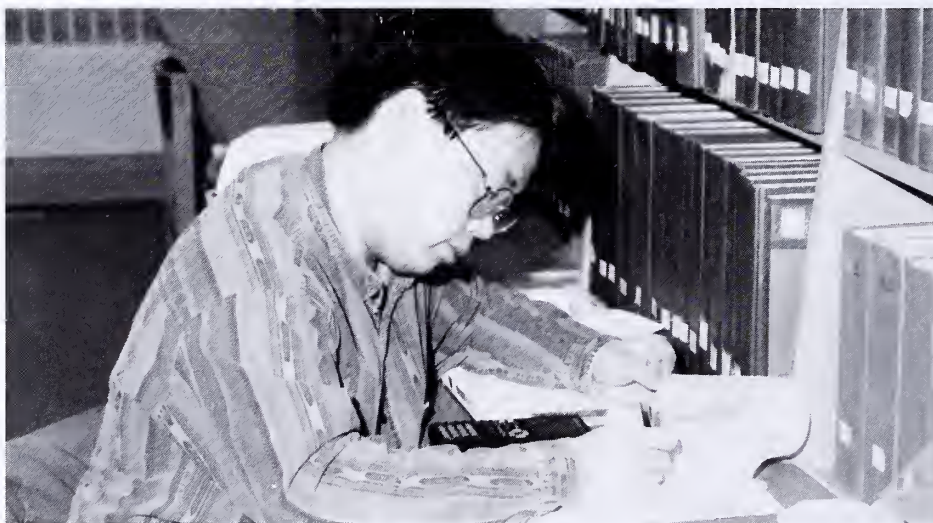
At left, carpenters put the finishing touches on the modular unit behind Goldspohn that will provide temporary housing for the mailroom.

Above, one student worker performs a challenging balancing act as he carts belongings of the Registrar's office out of Old Main.

Students experience academic success

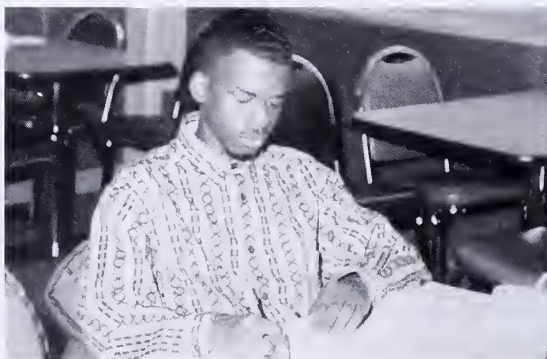
In and out of the classroom

Traditional study and classroom work were not the only avenues to academic success at NCC. Sure it was common to study in the library, work on a paper in the computer lab or pull an all-night study session in the dorm. But lots of learning also took place in academic organizations such as Mock Trial, Model UN and forensics or through independent research made possible by Richter grants.



Above, sophomore Adam Chin conducts research at Oesterle library.

At right, Darren Davis catches up on his studies in the Cage.





(Top) Lisa Mino takes a break from her reading on one of the comfortable lounge chairs in the library.

(Middle) Students often found that working together brought results.

(Bottom) The downstairs lounge area of the library is a popular place for some quiet study.

(Left) Eric VanEtten works on a project in the Carnegie computer lab.

Dissinger Awards



CLARENCE F. DISSINGER AND RUTH C. DISSINGER MEMORIAL AWARD WINNERS

From left, Mary Jean Lynch, Larry Van Oyen, Agnes Flynn, David Starkey, Nancy Chapman and Alice Stonebraker.

Faculty and staff receive honors

by Emily Dodson

The Dissinger Awards for teaching, service and scholarship were presented at the Service Awards Dinner on May 16.

Four members of the Arts and Letters Division were among the six individuals honored.

Alice Stonebraker, secretary for English, modern and classical languages and international programs, received the Dissinger award for an administrative support staff member.

David Starkey, assistant professor of English, won the Dissinger prize for faculty scholarship. The creative writing instructor and *NCC Review*

adviser has had many works published, including a book of poems, a short story, personal essay and book review.

Currently, Starkey is working on a book of collected critical articles about teaching, and he is collaborating with English professor Richard Guzman on an anthology of Chicago literature.

The Dissinger Award for half-time faculty was awarded to Nancy Chapman, assistant professor of English and associate director of the Writing Center.

Although she enjoys teaching, the Writing Center is her true love. She also teaches non-traditional students through

Weekend College.

Larry Van Oyen, assistant professor of music, was presented the Dissinger Award for junior faculty.

A fourth-year member of the North Central faculty, Van Oyen is the director of Concert Winds and Midnight Blues, the jazz band. He also teaches music theory and saxophone studio.

Mary Jean Lynch, associate professor of psychology and associate academic dean, received the Dissinger Award for senior faculty.

Described as a person "wearing many hats," Lynch also is the director of academic advising, LD and ADD support

services. She also serves as coordinator of the FYI program.

Agnes Flynn, director of health services since 1993, won the Dissinger Award for administrative managers. As adviser for SHAPE and instructor of HIV education, Flynn enjoys her "diversified job."

Recipients of the Dissinger Awards are selected based on recommendations from students, faculty and staff. They recognize outstanding teaching and service of NCC faculty and staff that extends "over and above the call of duty."

The endowed awards are given in memory of NCC alumni Clarence and Ruth Dissinger.

Bonnie Simmons is a jack of all trades

Committee work keeps her busy

by Edie Hopkins

"I love turning the responsibility of learning over to the student. I am there to guide them. At first they think I am crazy, but after the eighth or ninth week, they are so excited about learning this way," says Bonnie Simmons, associate professor of management and information systems.

Simmons has been teaching at North Central for 14 years. In addition to her classroom work, she has been involved in many committees over the years.

She has served on the curriculum committee, multicultural affairs committee and the Japanese exchange committee, to name a few. Several years ago, with the help of several other faculty members, she was instrumental in launching the freshman orientation program known as FYI.

Although Simmons is no longer involved with FYI, she still hopes that it is helping students to adjust to life on campus.

Currently, Simmons is involved with the Richter Fellowship grant program. She became chair of the committee two years ago. A Richter Fellowship is a financial grant that helps support an independent study project or research for which credit is granted and can be conducted on or off campus.

"It's a great program that allows students to have learning experience with things they can't do in a classroom," Simmons said. Students, who



are required to write a paper and give a presentation on their experiences, have traveled from New York to Japan, Australia and other parts of the globe.

Not only has Simmons taught accounting classes, she has also taught a Japanese business and current culture class.

She team-taught with two other professors, Dr. Barbara Sciacchitano, who taught Japanese history, and Dr. William Naumann, who taught Japanese religion.

"The team teaching was very hard... but it was a good team to work with and was very interesting to be a part of," Simmons

said.

These days, Simmons can be found teaching graduate classes and selling residential real estate part-time for Coldwell Banker in Glen Ellyn.

"I just sort of fell into it," she said. "A business partner and I owned several pieces of real estate and we didn't know that much about it. So we took a class."

She took the real-estate exam to become eligible for her license and passed it. She does not advertise her services, depending instead on word-of-mouth references.

In her "spare" time, Simmons loves to read to her three grandsons, draw and make stained glass.

Some of the members of her church were so impressed with her work that they want her to make a stained glass window for their church.

Sarah Love leaves a legacy of excellence

Forensics coach demands the best

by Jeff Schroetlin

On the walls hang pictures of prominent black figures in history. The shelves are cluttered with an assortment of books ranging from *The History of Western Rhetoric* to various poetry anthologies.

A giant metal desk splits the office in two and is equally as cluttered with students' assignments, lesson plans and several trophies. Behind the desk sits a woman with dreadlocks, giving her intense stare to a student who has come in just to "chill" for a while.

Welcome to the office of Sarah Love, Director of Forensics

and instructor of speech communications. To her students, however, she is just known as "Sarah."

"I love working with students, and that's what drew me into teaching and coaching," Sarah said. She graduated from Illinois State University and has taught and coached forensics teams in Illinois, Kentucky and Nevada.



She came to North Central four years ago to fill a void in speech classes and to take over the forensics team.

"Sarah is an excellent motivator, coach and teacher," said Dr. Rich-

ard Paine, chair of speech communications and theater.

After four years, Sarah made the decision to leave NCC at the end of the 1996-97 academic year. "I would like to explore some different avenues in my

life," she said. "I never feel comfortable staying at one place for too long."

Her coaching work at NCC has become nationally known throughout the speech competitive circuit. Primarily due to her efforts, NCC's national speech ranking rose from 27th in the nation to 7th at the end of her tenure.

While Sarah hopes to move on to other things, she says she won't forget her NCC experiences.

"I'm going to miss eating pizza on the president's lawn," she said, "but mostly I'm going to miss working one-on-one with the students."

Laurie Hamen takes on wide-ranging responsibilities

New dean oversees student affairs

by Emily Dodson

Laurie Hamen was promoted to NCC's Dean of Students during the 1996-97 academic year.

She was formerly the Associate Dean of Students and received the promotion as part of a restructuring of the Student Affairs department.

In addition to her many other obligations, Hamen is responsible for student-related activities and committees.

She also responds to disciplinary matters, distributes the weekly safety report, serves as adviser to the Student Association, oversees the publication of the student handbook and coordinates leadership programs.

Hamen also serves as director of the various programs for first-year students and FYI (Freshman Year Information).

The freshmen programs, according to Hamen, are a wonderful but challenging opportunity to introduce students to North Central. She hopes that newcomers can feel that "this campus is a place where they can excel."

Hamen, who arrived on campus August 5, 1996, said she has been impressed with NCC students. In contrast to other places she has worked, "Students are open to new ideas."

She feels the student body possesses a good level of adventure and creativity, which makes her job easier.

Her numerous responsibilities



ties provide many opportunities for Hamen to meet students. She feels "more impressed with each student I meet." However, that same busy

schedule keeps her from being able to connect with all groups.

"I wish I had more time to go to more student events," she said.

The new Dean of Students has enjoyed her time working in Naperville. She feels the "staff is outstanding," and she has "enjoyed getting to know the students."

She believes she came to North Central at a good time.

"Things seem like they're going

in a positive direction."

Hamen came to the Naperville area after getting married last spring. She had previously worked at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, in the state where she was raised and received her education.

After receiving her bachelors degree in home economics from the college of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Hamen obtained a master's degree in counselor education and professional development from Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota.

The Dean's spare time involves a wide array of activities. "I love to sing, cook and go to the theater," Hamen said.

She has three young boys, so she attends many baseball and soccer games. Because of the boys and her own interests, she is a "huge sports fan."

Michael Joseph takes winding path to NCC

New VP brings varied experience

Michael A. Joseph began serving as the vice president for enrollment management and student affairs at the beginning of October.

Joseph replaced Mary Desler, who resigned in August 1996.

"Michael Joseph brings experience, energy and passion to the job, an ideal combination for working effectively to attract and retain students," said President Harold R. Wilde. Joseph's experience comes from a variety of different jobs.

Joseph, a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit College in Wheeling, W. Va., has gained 15 years of experience in several locations.

In 1981, he was assistant director of admissions at his alma mater. He also worked at Kentucky Wesleyan College as director



of admission in 1985. And his next job brought him to Mount Vernon College in Washington D.C. In addition, from 1987 to 1990, he was the director

of enrollment management at Mount Vernon college.

Next, he traveled to College Misericordia in Dallas, Pa., as

dean of enrollment management. After five years there, he accepted the position of vice president for institutional advancement at Rosary College in nearby River Forest.

Joseph said he plans to bring continued success to North Central.

"The college is enjoying growing enrollment, a significant improvement in retention and wider recognition of the quality of education it provides," Joseph said. "It's nice to be a part of that."

Howard Saar makes math fun for students

Four decades as a devoted teacher

by Nicole Hrycyk

For more than 40 years, Howard Saar has been educating the students of the future. But as a freshman in college, he never thought he would be a teacher.

Entering the University of Michigan, he wanted to be a chemical engineer. Luckily for North Central students, one of his professors guided him toward teaching math.

Upon graduating from U of M, he started teaching at the high school level. Soon after, he was offered a position at Albion College, a small, private school in Albion, Mich.

From there, he went on to serve as the chairman of the math and science department at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, Mich.

Eventually, he moved back to

his home state of Illinois. He taught at Western Illinois University and served as the dean of Shawnee community College. In 1973, he was offered the principal's position at an elementary school in Plainfield, Ill.

During his 20 years there, he also served as coordinator of the math curriculum for the entire school district.

In 1988, he began teaching math part-time at North Central. Then, in 1990, when he was made an assistant professor, he retired from his position as principal and continued to work at NCC.



He served as the secretary/treasurer for 28 years and as the chairman for three. This is the first year since 1966 that he has not been an officer.

Saar has received two awards from the MAA for his service. In 1983, he received the section award for Distinguished Service, and 10 years later in 1993, he received the National Award for Meritorious Service.

In addition, he also has worked

Not only does he teach, but he has remained active in the world of mathematics. In 1960, he joined the Illinois Section of Mathematical Association of America (MAA).

on two magazines. From 1962-66, Saarco-edited "Recreational Mathematics Magazine." He served on the board of directors for another magazine, the "Journal of Recreational Mathematics," from '62-70.

When asked what he likes about teaching, Saar replied, "The students. They tend to keep me young and I enjoy watching them learn."

In what little spare time he has, you can find him antiquing with his wife or reading,

In the winter, he and his wife enjoy solving jigsaw puzzles and chasing after the grandkids. In the spring, you can often find him out on the golf course.

Saar retired from one job and went straight to another, but he isn't complaining.

He says he'll teach "as long as I feel I'm effective, as long as the college feels they have a place for me."

David Fisher finds that his two roles enrich each other

Serving as professor and minister

by Sara Swenson

Wouldn't it be nice if you could handle two jobs at the same time and do well in both areas? Professor David Fisher does exactly that.

Not only is professor Fisher the chair of the philosophy department, he is also an ordained minister.

Fisher always knew he wanted to teach in the area of philosophy and be an ordained Presbyterian minister.

Both roles, he feels, help each other. He is better able to

organize his lectures and teach in the classroom, and, likewise, he is better able to organize a sermon and teach his parishioners.

Fisher was ordained in 1976 and has served as a minister throughout his



takes on the roles of a regular minister, including conducting Sunday services.

Over the years, Fisher has

academic career. He is known as a supply minister; his role is to take care of a parish that is in between ministers. During this interim period, he

taught at Santa Clara University in California, George Williams College in Downers Grove, Blackburn College in Carlinville, Ill., and the University of South Tennessee.

He has taught at NCC for the past 10 years and has been the philosophy department chair for the past two years.

Fisher has also won numerous awards including North Central's Dissinger Award and a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

At right, President Harold Wilde hands a diploma to one of the 335 graduates who received degrees during the college's 132nd commencement.

Below, joyful graduates wave to their family and friends in the Kroehler Field grandstands following commencement exercises.



Above, happy College Scholar Amanda Keller shows off her new NCC graduate smile.

At right, one thoughtful graduate demonstrates her gratitude to a special person with a mortarboard message.

Kirk Larson and Marietta Keating honored

More than 300 receive degrees

A total of 335 students completed requirements for either bachelor's or master's degrees from NCC during spring term and received degrees at commencement ceremonies on June 14.

Of those, 253 received B.A. degrees, 31 were awarded B.S. degrees and 51 earned master's degrees. A record 122 students received master's degrees during the 1996-97 academic year.

Of the June graduates, 58 graduated cum laude, 17 graduated magna cum laude and three graduated summa cum laude.

Many of the 226 students who were awarded degrees earlier in the academic year participated in the June 14 exercises.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr., W.E.B. DuBois Professor of the Humanities and the chairman of the department of Afro-American studies at Harvard University, delivered the keynote address.

Recently chosen by *Time Magazine* as one of the "25 most influential Americans," Gates spoke of American pluralism, of tolerance and hate, of cultural and personal identity.

Two major awards -- one honoring a student and one a staff member dear to students -- were announced at commencement exercises.

By vote of the senior class, Kirk Larson was named the 1997 recipient of the Mark A. Reid Leadership Award.

It was the capstone for

many awards earned by Larson, who served as president of the Student Governing Board during his senior year. At the annual Honors Convocation, Larson was named Outstanding Senior Man. He also received the Outstanding Math Major Award, the Servant Leader Award and a Student Life Outstanding Service Award.

Through his involvement with Student Governing Board, the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the College Scholars Planning Committee, Larson dedicated countless hours to ensuring that his fellow students' voices were heard.

He did extensive research on the school's curriculum for the Undergradu-

ate Studies Committee, interviewing almost 1,000 people and starting a student petition to have the course limit for maximum credits in a field raised. He also led and implemented a student initiative to provide 24-hour quiet floors in several residence halls.

The Harold and Eva White "First Citizen of the College" award honored another person who is highly thought of by students.

Marietta Keating, secretary of White Activities Center, does everything from answering questions about upcoming student activities to organizing college-wide events. She has been described by countless NCC students as their "surrogate mother."



Henry Louis Gates Jr., chair of the department of Afro-American studies at Harvard University, delivered the Commencement address.

A sea of NCC graduates applauds during the college's 132nd commencement exercises on June 14. Sunny skies prevailed for the outdoor graduation festivities on Kroehler Field.

Third place overall finish is accompanied by \$10,000

SIFE continues national dominance

For the fifth consecutive year, North Central College's chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team finished among the top three teams at national competition, held in Kansas City, Mo., in late May.

North Central finished third in overall competition and repeated last year's first place triumphs in the "Halt the Deficit" and "Success 2000" categories. The team also placed first in "Best Use of Media."

In the Teaching America to Compete National Education Goals competition, the team took first place for goals two (teaching the negative consequences of use of alcohol, drugs and violence), and six (teaching and encouraging adult Americans to be workplace literate).

Although the team placed third overall, by winning in other categories, they took home the most prize money of any team, \$10,000.

"I think it had a lot to do with our computer presentation

and high project count," said SIFE president Sara Kranpitz. The team had a total of 127 project, 88 of which focused on the Success 2000 initiative.

"The team did really well. It was the largest competition ever," said co-adviser and associate professor of accounting Barbara Illg, who shares advising duties with Gary Ernst, associate professor of international business and marketing.

Seven North Central students traveled to the national competition.: Kranpitz, Angela Ark, Derrick Hoffman, Michael Wichman, Tade Howieson, Paul Schwantes and Rebecca Zafir.

"Our students are very committed," said Hoffman. "It's something that we take very seriously."

"It was a lot of fun and a lot of hard work," said Wichman, who did much of his work in the "Best Use of Media" category. Team members developed an Internet home page and video and radio public service announcements that were broadcast across the country.



STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Top row: Professor Gary Ernst, Paul Schwantes, Derrick Hoffman, Tade Howieson; Bottom row: Rebecca Zafir, Sara Kranpitz, Mike Wichman, Angie Ark, Professor Barbara Illg.

Hard work culminates in a seventh place finish at the national tournament

Forensics achieves record ranking

by Emily Dodson

The North Central forensics team concluded their 1996-97 season with a seventh place finish at the National Forensics Association National Tournament (NFA) held at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., in late April.

This was the highest ranking for NCC's team ever, said Sarah Love, director of forensics. They had, however, placed in the top ten the last two years at the NFA tournament, the oldest in the nation. This strong finish was especially significant for the young team, which had only one senior member.

Sophomore Richard Besel placed sixth in the nation in extemporaneous speaking. North Central had two participants qualify for a semi-final round. Senior Lisa Daniel qualified in rhetorical criticism and persuasion, and sophomore Jeff Schroetlin qualified in poetry interpretation.

Students also qualified for the quarterfinal round. Sopho-

mores Michael Parris and Gene Kuleta qualified in informative speaking and sophomore Lisa Downie qualified in after-dinner speaking.

Freshman Richard Roberson, sophomore Nichole Evans and junior Hillary Victor also contributed to the team's success at NFA.

The NFA tournament followed a 21st place finish at the American Forensics Association National Tournament held in Arlington, Texas in early April. More than 100 schools participated in the AFA competition. Daniel had the highest individual finish, qualifying for quarterfinals in three categories: persuasion, informative, and rhetorical criticism.

The team also had a strong showing in state competition, placing third in the Illinois open team sweepstakes. At that tournament, Love was awarded the forensics coach of the year award, resulting from voting from fellow coaches and competitors throughout the state.

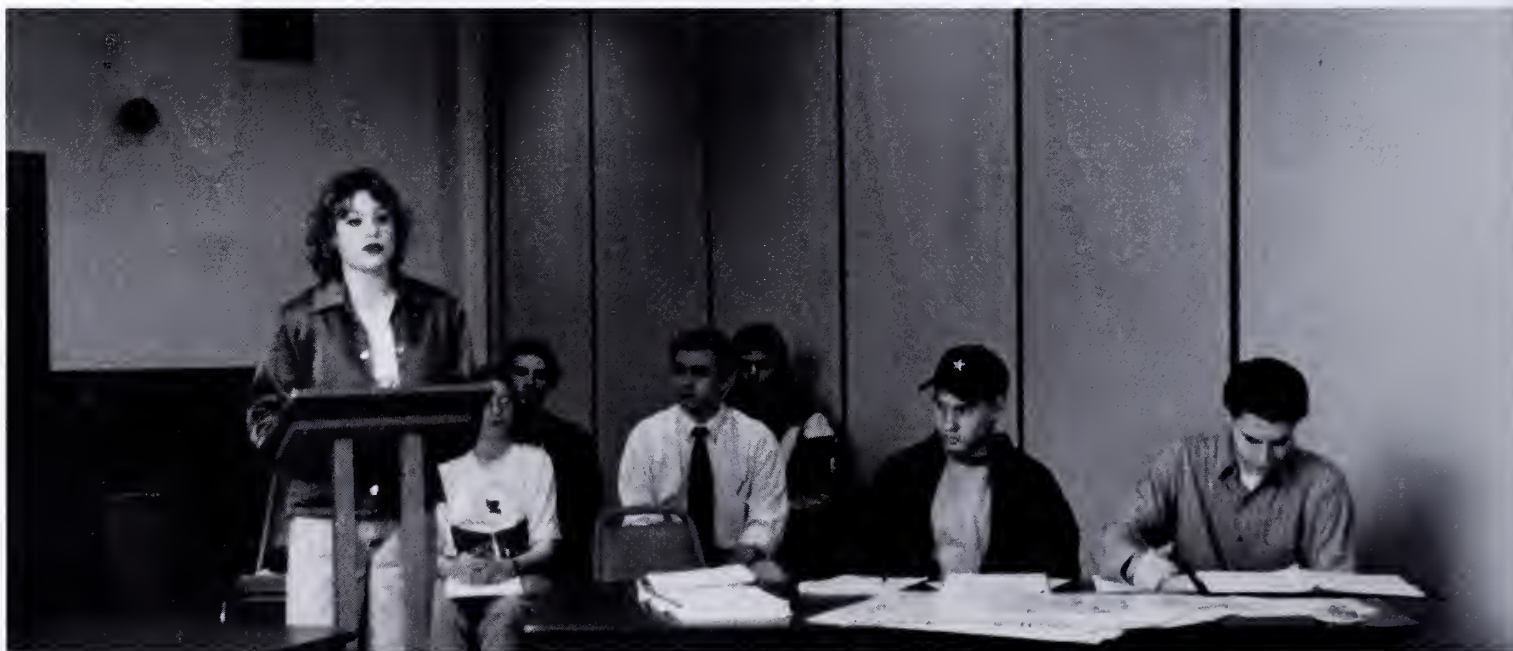


FORENSICS

Front row: Richard Roberson, Hillary Victor, Lisa Downie, Mike Parris, Renee Smith; Middle row: Lisa Daniel, Rich Besel, Nichole Evans; Back row: Gene Kuleta, Jeff Schroetlin.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS



MOCK TRIAL

A member of the Mock Trial team makes a presentation during a convocation in the White Activities Center.

Students learn through simulating real-life activities

Political science comes to life

Model UN represents nation of South Korea

by Chris Treadwell

The North Central Model United Nations team, which represented the nation of South Korea, put in a full year's worth of study and activity.

The Model UN program is modeled after the United Nations, with various colleges representing different nations. The teams met this year in conferences in Chicago and St. Louis, as real countries would meet in the UN, with each team pushing the agenda of its country by trying to get resolutions passed which benefited their interests.

Although the NCC team was not able to visit South Korea, they did travel to New York City to research topics important to their nation. They also spoke with representatives of the South Korean and Chinese governments. In addition, they benefited from the presence of a student from South Korea on the team, Wan Kim.

During a presentation to the campus community in May, members of the NCC Model UN team discussed their experiences. One of the biggest benefits of Model UN, according to the participants, is learning to see the world from a different perspective. They were able to look beyond the "Americanized" version of the news stories they read about.

They also learned the importance of being highly knowledgeable. Finally, they learned the importance of working with their partners and other members of the team. It was perhaps the friendships formed during their experiences that provided the biggest benefit of all.

Mock Trial earns top 10 national finish

by Christine M. Pless

"I was happy we did it as a team," said sophomore Michael Testa after the NCC Mock Trial team placed fourth out of 64 teams at the Gold Flight National Tournament, making them the only small school to place in the top ten.

"We beat top Ivy League schools like Yale, Harvard and Cornell University," said Testa.

Senior Scott Kellogg was awarded the All-American Attorney Award at the awards banquet, which culminated the tournament in Des Moines, Iowa from April 4-6.

Associate professor of political science Tom Sweeney is faculty adviser to the team. The squad also received help from John Weiser, a practicing attorney and NCC alumnus.

"We appreciated all the help, support and time John Weiser dedicated to our team," said Testa. "We couldn't have done it without him. He deserves this recognition just as much as we do."

The Mock Trial team lost three seniors to graduation: Scott Kellogg, Francis Cermak and Amy Flores.

The Mock Trial legal simulation program allows students to experience the legal profession and develop analytical skills. "We learn a lot of analytical thought because we have to analyze every angle to best defend or attack our case," Testa said.

Testa added that while Mock Trial is a lot of work, it is also a lot of fun. "Mock Trial is a mentally challenging extra-curricular activity. It gives me the chance to find out if I really want to go to law school."



1996-97 College Scholars:

Andrea Beck, Matthew Boresi, Sarah Fisher, Matthew Jannusch, Curtis Jones, Amanda Keller, Gina Langford, Kirk Larson, Galen Mayfield, Ryan Mitchell, Marie Monzel, Debra Nuese, Benjamin Rockwell, Karin Sandell, Nathan Schmidt, Jennifer Stader, Gretchen Wagner

College Scholars Participants:

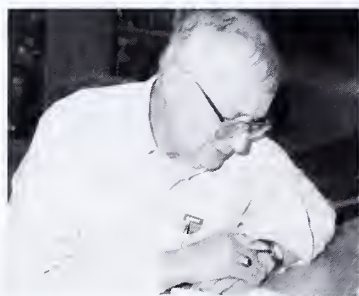
Francis Cermak, Jennifer R. M. Coleman, Katherine Johnsen, Kimberly Jones, Kasha Mackowiak.

Students find various ways and places to study

Academics come first for many

At right, three friends find reason to smile during a group study session in the library.

NCC students ranged in age from 18-year-olds to those well past age 50.



To help with studies, students took advantage of the newest technologies including laptop computers.



Two students take advantage of warm spring weather to discuss school work at the sun dial in the center of campus.



At left, students in professor David Starkey's English class enjoy having discussion outdoors.

Like many students, senior Sara Fisher (left) and sophomore Renee Smith found the Cage to be a good spot for both studying and socializing.



On occasion, some students found uses for what some might consider outdated technology -- the electric typewriter.



Pat Bell takes advantage of a quiet carrel in the library to catch up on some studies.

Students help pay for their own educations with variety of jobs

Working hard for the money

Dawn DuBois (at right) and Nate Stanton (below) were two of a number of students who helped keep students safe as part of the Campus Safety staff.



Junior Joe Dennis, along with many other students, helped keep things running smoothly in the library.



Library staff and student workers enjoy their annual spring picnic outside Oesterle Library.



Junior Kasia Jackson shows the meaning of service with a smile after she rings up an order for sophomore Edie Hopkins.



Jeff Schroetlin, Dawn Gallinger and Kathy Johnsen (front) helped students with career decisions in their jobs as Peer Career Advisers for the Career Development Center.



Library workers Andrea Pynaker (left) and Amanda Maystead demonstrate their Hula Hoop abilities for their colleagues at the library's annual spring picnic.

Boresi is named Lincoln Laureate award winner

Thriving on the liberal arts



Matt Boresi, recipient of the Lincoln Laureate award, poses with Dean of Faculty Dev Pandian.

Writer, actor, director, choreographer

A man of many talents

by Kathy Johnsen

If you watched many theater productions at North Central during the past four years, then it's very likely that you've witnessed the acting talents of Matt Boresi.

Boresi acted in more than a dozen plays, including *The Crucible*, *The Voice of the Prairie*, *Cabaret* and *The Music Man*. He also wrote and directed two productions that were staged at NCC. During his junior year, he directed his drama, "The Summer of Our Discontent" in Smith Hall. During his senior year, he presented the musical *Lobster Boy!* which was a joint project with Michael Watkins.

"*Lobster Boy!* was the big cul-

mination of my learning here," Boresi said. "The dozens of people who came together to make that show happen and the hundreds of people who attended are a testament to North Central's reputation as an active environment for learning and achievement."

Boresi received numerous accolades in his four years at NCC, including the honors award in theatre in both 1995 and 1997 and the honors award from the Division of Arts and Letters in 1997.

He was also named a Lincoln Laureate, a state award recognizing excellence in academic and extracurricular achievement.

Boresi also somehow man-

aged to find time to participate in forensics and the NCC Express show choir.

He had several cartoons called "Matt's Happy Square" published in the *Chronicle* and also published several works of prose and poetry in the *NCC Review*.

Boresi said that the liberal arts community is what he will miss most when he leaves NCC, and that his experience in that community is the most important thing he'll take with him after graduating.

"I've learned so much in so many subjects from so many colorful characters that it will always be an aid to me in writing, performing and in life in general."

Smith and Joyner receive prestigious fellowships

Pursuing careers in student affairs



Juniors Jen Smith (left) and Angela Joyner were both recipients of a National Association of Student Personnel Administrator's (NASPA) minority undergraduate fellowship.

Smith changes her career sights from business to helping students

by Todd Hertz

Junior Jen Smith always thought she would be a high-profile business woman, but then, last year, she became a Seybert resident assistant. That changed her mind about what she wanted to do with her future. She decided she wanted to help students.

During her junior year, she learned she was one of two NCC recipients of a National Association of Student Personnel Administrator's (NASPA) minority undergraduate fellowship.

"This is a huge honor," Smith said, explaining that many apply for the national fellowship but few are accepted. "I wouldn't trade this for anything."

The fellowship aims at giving students real-life experience in student affairs by offering them a campus-based internship, opportunities to make connections for future employ-

ment and by encouraging enrollment in graduate school programs in the area of student affairs and higher education.

Being a NASPA fellow also allows Smith to attend conferences or institutes in the field. In February she participated in the NASPA regional conference in Columbus, Ohio, and in July she traveled to Washington, D.C., for the Summer Internship Institute.

Smith got wind of the fellowship through her mentor, Karl Brooks, assistant dean of student affairs and director of multicultural affairs, who has helped her define career goals.

Brooks also has helped Smith consider graduate programs. Since she lives in Chicago, she hopes to find a program in the Midwest. Currently, she is leaning toward Michigan State, Loyola or Ball State.

She said that she just wants a "good practical program" because "I want to get my hands dirty. I want to get in there."

Joyner finds NASPA fellowship to be a life-changing experience

by Renee Smith

When junior Angela Joyner first heard about the NASPA fellowship program from Karl Brooks, assistant dean of student affairs and director of multicultural affairs, she was not very interested.

But after Joyner took the opportunity to learn about the program and the field of student affairs, she was recognized as one of two NCC recipients of a minority undergraduate NASPA fellowship. It turned out to be a life-changing experience for her.

Being a NASPA fellow has changed Joyner's perception of professionals in the student affairs field.

"Student Affairs people are literally forming and shaping better people for the future," she said. "It's giving opportunities and creating a better tomorrow."

Brooks served as Joyner's mentor throughout the pro-

gram. "I thank God for him every day," Joyner said. "He gave me a chance. He saw potential in me where I didn't see it."

Likewise, Brooks is fond of Joyner. "She cares about people, about students, about education," he said. "She has got a lot to offer the field as a role model herself."

Joyner, a psychology major, is involved in several other programs on campus. She is president of the gospel choir and SHAPE and is a member of the Black Student Association and Dispute Resolution Center.

She is currently working on a video to be presented to incoming freshmen in their FYI groups concerning students' first-year experiences. She is also looking into adding health issue information to the college's Intranet.

"Young people are thirsty for knowledge," Joyner said. "They are experiencing more today than their parents ever imagined. We have to keep up."

Students are rewarded for scholarship , service

Honors Convocation

The following awards were presented at the 21st annual Honors Convocation on May 20, 1997

Outstanding Senior Man: Kirk Larson
Outstanding Senior Woman: Gina Langford

The Division of Arts & Letters

Art: Joanna Bourque, John Roehr
Diane Duvigneaud Art Award: Michelle Phillip
English: Debra Nuese
Literature: Debra Mayer
Creative Writing: Amanda Keller
Journalism: Joe Dennis, Kathy Johnsen
Foreign Language: Gina Langford
Music: Rebecca Battista
Speech Communication/ Theater
Broadcasting: Angel Jenkins
Communications: Brad Weiss
Forensics: Gene Kuleta
Theatre: Matt Boresi
Outstanding A&L Student: Matt Boresi, Debra Nuese

The Division of Economics & Business

Accounting: Carrie Crowley
International Business: Matthew Jannusch
Marketing: Jaime Suszek
Economics: Elizabeth Janklow
Finance: Karen Hlavacek
Wall Street Journal Award: Sara Kranpitz
The Division of Human Thought & Behavior
Elementary Education: Wendy Feest
Secondary Education: Stacey Welton
Health & Physical Education: Christopher Talmadge
History: Robin Pruter
Philosophy: Justin Gillam
Political Science: Francis Cermak
Pre-law: Scott Kellogg
Psychology: Benjamin Rockwell
Psi Chi National Service: Dawn Grimes
Religious Studies: Dawn Victor
American Bible Society's Scholarly Achievement Award: Jenny Pippen
Sociology/Anthropology: Joe Dennis

Outstanding Human Thought and Behavior Student: Scott Kellogg

The Division of Science

Biology: Jenn Chapin, Steve Gasparovich
Biochemistry: Dionne Moore
Chemistry: Jennifer Nemanich
Computer Science: Igor Djordjevic
Mathematics: Kirk Larson
Mary Anice Seybold Prize: Aijia Ye
Seybold Scholarship: Jason Walcott
Physics: Ryan Mitchell

Student Life Outstanding Service

Awards: Julie Gregoire, Donnell Harris, Angela Joyner, Kirk Larson, Jenna Moroney, Bhavini Shah, Jennifer Smith, Kaya Studway
Library Service Award: David E. Kuhfahl
Freshman Leadership: Husai Roashan
Outstanding Resident Student Award: Kate Norton
Servant Award: Kirk Larson



Honors Convocation speaker Dr. Martin Marty, theologian from the University of Chicago, presented a speech titled "The One and the Many."



Matt Boresi received an award for outstanding theater student and for outstanding student in the Arts & Letters Division.



Dawn Victor received the award for outstanding student in Religious Studies.

Langford and Larson receive top honors

Outstanding Senior Awards



1997 Outstanding Senior Woman Gina Langford

by Emily Dodson

Three years as a Resident Assistant, a major in Spanish and a minor in Japanese, a perfect grade-point average, and participation in many clubs earned Gina Langford her classmates' respect and the title of Outstanding Senior Woman.

A native of Minooka, a small town near Joliet, Langford said she was glad she chose NCC. "There was the opportunity to do a number of things," she said. "I didn't just have to focus on academics."

Langford especially enjoyed the opportunity for interdisciplinary studies. She completed the History of Ideas sequence as part of the College Scholars program. Her honors thesis focused on environmental practices of central eastern European countries and Japan.

Along with her foreign language studies, Langford received a degree in international business. Her interest in foreign cultures led her to travel

abroad several times during her college years. She spent a summer in Ecuador practicing Spanish and taking classes. Last year Langford joined a group of NCC students for a trip to central eastern Europe and in December 1996 she used a Richter grant to travel to Japan.

Langford has served as co-president of the International Club and NCC Green. She has also been the president of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

In addition to her RA duties, Langford worked in the language lab and was a Spanish tutor in the Advising Center.

Following graduation, Langford headed for Eastern Asia. Through the Japanese Exchange Teaching (JET) program, she will be an assistant teacher of English in Japan. "This is a great opportunity to sharpen my Japanese language skills," she said.

Graduate school may be in Langford's future or employment in international business.



1997 Outstanding Senior Man Kirk Larson

by Theresa Carlson

Although many on campus weren't surprised by the selection of the 1997 Outstanding Senior Man, the recipient himself was caught off guard.

"I had no idea that I would win," said Kirk Larson. "I never get caught up in awards. When I do win I am so flattered and so at a loss for words."

Words are something Larson is not normally at a loss for. He has used his voice and leadership skills in a number of ways. He was president of the student governing board and a member of the planning and finance board. He also participated in Students in Free Enterprise, Math Club and the Dispute Resolution Center.

Larson said that all of his work with campus groups "has given me a better understanding of who I am and the people I've worked with."

Larson graduated with a B.S. in mathematics plus four minors in professional conflict

resolution, computer science, general business and history of ideas.

During the Honors Convocation, he was also the recipient of the Math Award, the Servant Leader award, College Scholars Award, Student Life Outstanding Service Award and inclusion in Who's Who Among Undergraduate Students in American Universities and Colleges. At commencement ceremonies, he was named the recipient of the Mark A. Reid Leadership Award.

"I have learned a great deal of new material, but I have also learned how much I don't know," he said. "I have had a realization of how far I have come as a person and I have a better understanding of how far I have to go."

Throughout his journey, Larson said he encountered a countless number of "wonderful people" who helped him along the way such as professor Tom Cavenagh, who was his inspiration to attend law school.

Students find there's a lot of fun involved

In finding a place to belong

From religious and service-related organizations, to publications and student government, North Central offered students many ways to become involved and make new friends. Organizations like WONC and the Chronicle earned the college awards and prepared some students for careers. Others, like Cardinals in Action, Appalachia Service Project and student government, helped teach students the importance of serving the community.



WONC boasted the largest membership of any student organization on campus. The award-winning station hosted numerous specialty shows throughout the year, including Precious Metal, hosted by Joe Dennis, and Mission Rock (right) hosted by Jeremy Gudauskas.

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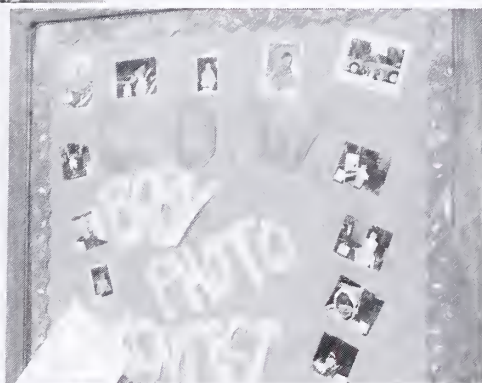
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(Top) Led by college chaplain Lynn Pries, 20 students and staff members comprised this year's Appalachia Service Project, which helped repair homes in Appalachia during interim.

(Bottom) The Baby Photo contest in the Commuter lounge was one of many activities for commuters sponsored by COW.

(Left) Serving the Hispanic student community, La Familia sponsored numerous cultural activities throughout the year, promoting pride and awareness of Hispanic culture throughout campus.



LA FAMILIA

Members of the Hispanic student organization La Familia sold churros at the Spring Arts Festival and sponsored numerous activities during the year.



INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Front row: Saba Siddiqui, Y. Tokoro, Susan Okey, Anusha Gurarajan, Rieko Nanjo, Chikako Shimizu; Back row: Eric Tseng, Charles E. Hessler, Yukiko Takahashi, Gina Langford, Olga Tchetchina, J. Mizushima, Yoshihito Iguchi.

*Minority and international students find that friendships
with each other are an important part of college life*

Overcoming cultural barriers



American craze

At left, a group of international students dance the Macarena in Heminger Auditorium.

Lasting friendships

Japanese students Miyuki Nakaya (left) and Yoshi Iguchi found that friendships with other international students helped ease the loneliness that students from foreign countries often feel in a strange new environment.



Kindness helps

Aki Yaoi (right), pictured with her husband Takuro Yaoi, advises students that even a small kindness to international students can make a lasting impression.

Educating others

Above, international students take part in the annual International Roundtable, during which they educate the campus community about their home countries and cultures.



CARDINALS IN ACTION

Some members of CIA get together for a luncheon. From left, Manali Shah, Lisa Bronson, Josh Norman, Darren Davis, Melissa Wright, Lisa Mino, Husai Roashan, Lynda Gallico, Bhavini Shah.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

One of CIA's major projects for the year was their involvement in helping build homes through the DuPage Habitat for Humanity.

*Cardinals in Action impacts countless lives
with variety of programs that allow students to make a difference*

Volunteering as a way of life

by Nicole Hrycyk

Cardinals in Action has once again made its presence known on the campus of North Central College and in the surrounding communities. With the help of adviser Shirley Dodd and president Manali Shah, CIA took part in more than 20 projects throughout the year.

Helping Shah with her duties were board members Lisa Mino, vice president; Heather Yanites, secretary; Darren Davis, treasurer; Melissa Wright, public relations; and Matt Brill, student volunteer coordinator.

Following the FYI "Into the Streets" volunteer program, which all freshmen are required to participate in, CIA got off to a busy start in the fall with the AIDS walk, the Adopt-A-Grandparent program, helping out at the Sci-Tech haunted house and the continuance of the Senior Scholars program with Johnson School.

CIA also sponsors an environmental club, a computer club, tutoring at St. Agatha's School, a college buddy program at Ellsworth Elementary School, Junior Achievement programs, literacy programs, and is active in Habitat for Humanity.

Students also are active in an art therapy program at Shriner's Hospital in Chicago. Two of the biggest hits of the year are the bingo nights and the Valentine's Day dance held at Independence Village, a nearby retirement home.

If students don't have the time for a year-long activity, CIA also sponsors many one-time activities for students. They have

worked with the A.D.O.P.T. pet program, at Fullerton Park, an area forest preserve, participated in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Misericordia candy days, the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive, clothing and food drives and at DuPage PADS, which coordinates homeless shelters.

CIA offers a wealth of volunteer opportunities. It is a chance to get involved with the community, make a difference in someone's life and a terrific way to make friends. Volunteers not only get the satisfaction of helping others, but they learn a lot about themselves.



Providing role models

Johnson School Senior Scholars pose for a group photo with their NCC mentors.



Making friends with seniors

At left, Lyda Gallico steps around the dance floor with a new friend at Independence Village. The annual Valentine's Day dance with members of the retirement community is an event CIA members look forward to each year.

Partnership between two schools

Above, CIA members and adviser Shirley Dodd help out with Family Night at Johnson school in Chicago.



CARDINALS ON WHEELS

First row: Adviser Karl Brooks, Lisa Vanucci, Tiffany Lis, Matt Hamsmith, Liz Thiltgen, Kevin Stahr, Toni Drost, Jen Wojcik, Kevin Waid, Carrie Klein, Jen Hill
 Back row: Ron Barber, Martha Klara, Jason Kowalkowski, Bhavini Shah



COW EXECUTIVE BOARD

From left, Tiffany Lis, winter term treasurer; Matt Hamsmith, fall term treasurer; Liz Thiltgen, vice president; Kevin Stahr, president; Toni Drost, winter term treasurer; Jen Wojcik, secretary, Jen Hill, publicity director.

*Cardinals on Wheels gives commuters
a sense of belonging on the North Central campus*

A successful year sets the foundation

by Kevin Stahr

Now that the foundation has been set for Commuters on Wheels (COW) the group is expanding on campus and making more efforts to include the other half of the NCC community -- the residents.

"For only starting last year, we've made a lot of strides in making the commuter group known to students, other groups, and administration on campus," said Karl Brooks, faculty adviser of COW.

Cardinals on Wheels is a student organization that encourages commuter students to become involved in college life and to interact more with students.

Despite starting the year with a brand new executive board, the group enjoyed a successful fall term. The growth of the commuter newsletter, high attendance for the intramural football team and a potluck dinner over interim were highlights of the first half of the year.

A major reason COW got off to such a good start was its participating in Homecoming. Not only did the group win money for their first place float and third place finish in the window painting contest, but they seemed to enjoy the time working and bonding with each other.

"Compared to last year, we've grown immensely," said Vice President Liz Thiltgen. "Our active members have almost doubled and we feel a sense of unity within the group. Now that we have

established that, we can start to reach the resident population too."

Other COW members also see the addition of residents as a definite advantage, if not a necessity, of expanding the organization. "I think the point of COW is to integrate commuters into college life, and part of college life includes residents," said treasurer Matt Hamsmith.

Amber Warrington, a freshman COW member added, "It might break up some of the stereotypes that students may have about both sides."



Leader of the herd

COW president Kevin Stahr uses the computer in the Commuter Lounge to catch up on some e-mail correspondence.



A mascot for all seasons

At left, a papier mache cow serves as decoration in the Commuter Lounge in White Activities Center.

Homecoming hoopla

Above, COW members show off their first-place award winning float in the Homecoming parade.



NEWMAN CLUB

Row 1: Ron Barber, Sister Mary Kay Gagliano, Christine Karrels, Pam Williams, Erin Ruggaber. Row 2: Brother John Dornbos, Kirk Larson, Christopher Hamilton, Pierre LeBeau, adviser. Not pictured: Katie Plowman.



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Row 1: Corey Schultz, Mark Knafl, Luther Olson, Lisa Mino; Row 2: Katie Dwyer, Michelle Wisemen, Stephanie Schuldt, Christina Mack, Julie Eickekmeyer; Row 3: Bryan Sok, Manny Nemeti, Rick Guzman, Jeremy Gudauskas, Jason Mayer, Brad Weiss, Mike Goff.

*A variety of religious groups on campus
allows student to nurture their spiritual sides*

Newman Club offers fellowship

by Erica Barton

Although the Newman Club's attendance at meetings doubled over the previous year, president Christine Karrels is still not satisfied.

With approximately half of the NCC student body listing Catholicism as their religious affiliation, Karrels would like to see more involvement. Karrels says that when college-age students get away from home and don't have Mom and Dad to watch over them, "they feel they don't have to nurture their religious side."

The purpose of Newman Club is to "develop faith communities...allowing students to feel support and encouragement in the practice of their faith." Brother John Dornbos and Sister Mary Kay Gagliano are the group's spiritual leaders. They also travel to other colleges and universities in the area that sponsor Newman Clubs. Pierre LeBeau is the group's faculty adviser.

Although the group appeals primarily to Catholic students, Karrels said the group serves "students from all denominations who want to meet and get together to try and find ways to meet their spiritual needs."

One way this is done is through a discussion series put together by the Campus Ministries' Office. Pam Williams, a Newman member, said the hardest part is "covering topics that everyone is interested in."

As leader of Newman club, Karrels said the job is "hectic and I would like to have more people to help, but it gives me a chance to meet more people."

The group is also part of the Koinonia Retreat Community, where they attend spiritual retreats annually. They also work with NCC chaplain Lynn Pries and the Christian Life Council. Along with their other activities, they are responsible for running four chapel services each year.

Williams said the best part is "getting together and socializing while we eat lunch."



Finding fellowship with friends

A campus Bible study group celebrates the end of fall term at Baker's Square.



Watch your step

Emanuel Nemeti and Luther Olson can see their reflections in the water below at the annual FCA fall retreat.

Precarious perch

Above, Glen Williamson, Chuck Connolley, Emanuel Nemeti and Luther Olson test their balance at the fall term FCA retreat.

Students tie-dye T-shirts at BACCHUS's Natural Highs Day. (photo by Nicole Hrycyk)

Jenni Underhill and Jeremy Fewer serve mocktails during Safe Spring Break Week. (photo by Mandy Umhoefer)



Senior Kirk Larson and Michael Joseph, Vice President for Student Affairs, serve as judges for the Jail-and-Bail fund-raiser. (photo by Mandy Umhoefer)

Mandy Umhoefer shows off her grass skirt at the tropical dinner during Safe Spring Break Week. (photo by Jenni Underhill)

BACCHUS members give away "Drink Safe" messages and bouncy balls at Springfest. (photo by Nicole Hrycyk)

Bacchus revival

CATS, tye-dyeing and more

by Nicole Hrycyk

After some time of inactivity, BACCHUS has made a comeback and become an active organization on campus.

BACCHUS, (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) and CAPS (Concentrate on Awareness Party Sensibly) focus on developing and promoting positive lifestyles and decision making. They work with other campus organizations including SAFE, SHAPE, and CUAB in sponsoring alcohol-free campus activities.

BACCHUS encourages students to talk about and develop responsible attitudes and habits toward their use of alcohol and other health-related issues. Mandy Umhoefer says, "I joined BACCHUS because I think that people, especially people our age, need to understand the risks and responsibilities of drinking."

All of the members have a lot of good things to say about their involvement with BACCHUS. Erin Swigart says, "I believe that it is good to have activities on campus without alcohol and drugs. Also it is important to let students know that safety when drinking is important."

BACCHUS president, Jeremy Fewer, along with Mike Hudson, BACCHUS faculty sponsor, did an excellent job of leading the group and getting the organization involved on campus. Other officers included secretary Jenni Underhill, and treasurer Mandy Umhoefer.

Members included, Erin Swigart, Chanda Boyden, Nicole Hrycyk, Jason Ketelson, Pepper Albrecht, Jami Melton, and Andy Stevens.

This past year, BACCHUS sponsored its first annual Jail and Bail fund-raiser. With the help of judges Kirk Larson, senior, and Michael Joseph, Vice President for Student Affairs, the event was a huge success. BACCHUS also held the first ever Natural Highs Day. This event included tye-dyeing T-shirts or whatever else the students could find, face painting and water balloon fights.

Along with CAPS, BACCHUS members attended the CATS (Campus Alcohol and Traffic Safety) Conference March 9-10 in Springfield, Ill. Barb Miller from Student Affairs, Mike Hudson and junior Julie Gregoire presented on North Central's alcohol prevention techniques.

Umhoefer says, "It was a good educational experience that gave a better understanding of what students on other college campuses are experiencing in regards to issues concerning alcohol."

BACCHUS members wish to thank adviser Mike Hudson for his time and effort in getting students involved and wish him well for the future.



Ryan Dannhorn unwraps his tye-dye creation during Natural Highs Day. (photo by Nicole Hrycyk)



COLLEGE UNION ACTIVITIES BOARD

From left, CUAB adviser Mary Reynolds, Liz Thiltgen, Dawn Gallinger, Jenna Moroney, Lydia Frieders, Kathy Guy, Ellen Brzeski



SPRINGFEST

Freshman Erin Swigart takes a turn on the Aerospin at SpringFest, CUAB's major event of the year. (photo by Nicole Hrycyk)

*CUAB puts in loads of effort and energy
toward enriching the social lives of students*

Showing 'em a good time



Excuse my chin

Students attempt to pass a balloon without using their hands during Octoberfest festivities, one of many social events throughout the year coordinated by CUAB.

Winter Dance

The Winter Dance was one of many formal and informal dances sponsored by CUAB during the year. (photo by Sara Swenson)



Fearless leader

Mary Reynolds, adviser to CUAB and Director of Student Activities serves as a mentor to CUAB members.

Doing the two-step

Students had the opportunity to learn country line dancing during in WAC during an event sponsored by CUAB during fall term. (photo by Sara Swenson)

The Kindling

(From left) Jeff Schroetlin, Todd Hertz, Theresa Carlson, Emily Dodson, George Hradecky. Not pictured: Adviser Lisa Kartus, John Roehr, Adam Chin.



Kindling makes humorous debut

Satire was the hallmark of NCC's newest publication, The Kindling. The small but creative staff published four issues during their first year.

The Chronicle

Front row: Emily Dodson, Layout Editor Todd Hertz, Amy Ory, Opinion Editor Theresa Carlson, News Editor Renee Smith. 2nd row: Dom Godinez, Chris Treadwell, Kevin Stahr, Editor-in-Chief Kathy Johnsen, Sports Editor Joe Dennis, Features Editor George Hradecky. Not pictured: Greg Applebee, Paul Johnson, Tony LiFonti, Brian Summers, Business Manager Amanda Keller.



Chronicle earns 8 ICPA awards

The weekly student newspaper received eight awards from the Illinois College Press Association, in categories ranging from layout and photos, to news, features and sports.

Spectrum

Front: Erica Barton, Sara Swenson. Back: Nicole Hrycyk, Julie Cronin. Not pictured: Kim Adami, Nichole Evans, adviser Nancy Kirby.



Spectrum staff produces Vol. 80

The tradition of chronicling the history of NCC in a hard-bound volume continued, with the help of text and photo contributions from students, faculty and staff.

New humor magazine, The Kindling, takes a more twisted spin on campus events than traditional student publications

'Sometimes you just have to laugh'

by Nichole Evans

Since shortly after its debut during fall term, the staff of the campus humor magazine, *The Kindling*, found that financing the fledgling magazine was the most difficult part of putting out a new publication.

For fall term, the Planning and Finance Board granted the *Kindling* a budget large enough to produce two issues. However, when the magazine's staff presented their budget for winter term, they were denied any funding, said *Kindling* Editor George Hradecky.

It was probably one of our lowest times," Hradecky said. Todd Hertz, co-editor for lay-

out, added, "We kind of felt that it was a reflection that the campus didn't want us to keep producing the *Kindling*."

However, at the beginning of winter term, the *Kindling* staff appealed to PFB to have funding reinstated and received enough money to publish one issue during both winter and spring terms.

The *Kindling* staff hopes that if they develop a following, their budget problems will disappear.

"The toughest thing is to get established. Once we develop a strong readership, hopefully, we'll be able to get a budget for the entire year, not just on a term-by-term basis,"

Hertz said.

Many feel the *Kindling* is well on its way to "establishing" itself. "There's been a lot of support for it by faculty, staff and students," said Lisa Kartus, *Kindling* adviser. "Sometimes we just need to laugh at ourselves."

Dan Lloyd, professor of German, said, "It's been very refreshing. It brings campus issues to light through humor, but at the same time it's not nasty about it."

Most students enjoy the *Kindling* as well. "Sometimes things just get so tense and serious you just have to laugh," said sophomore Amanda Maystead.

Partners in crime

Kindling staff members (from left) Emily Dodson, Todd Hertz and George Hradecky enjoy the afternoon at the Spring Arts Festival.



Poet's corner

Above, Kathy Johnsen, co-editor of the *NCC Review*, the campus literary magazine, reads selected poems during the Spring Arts Festival.

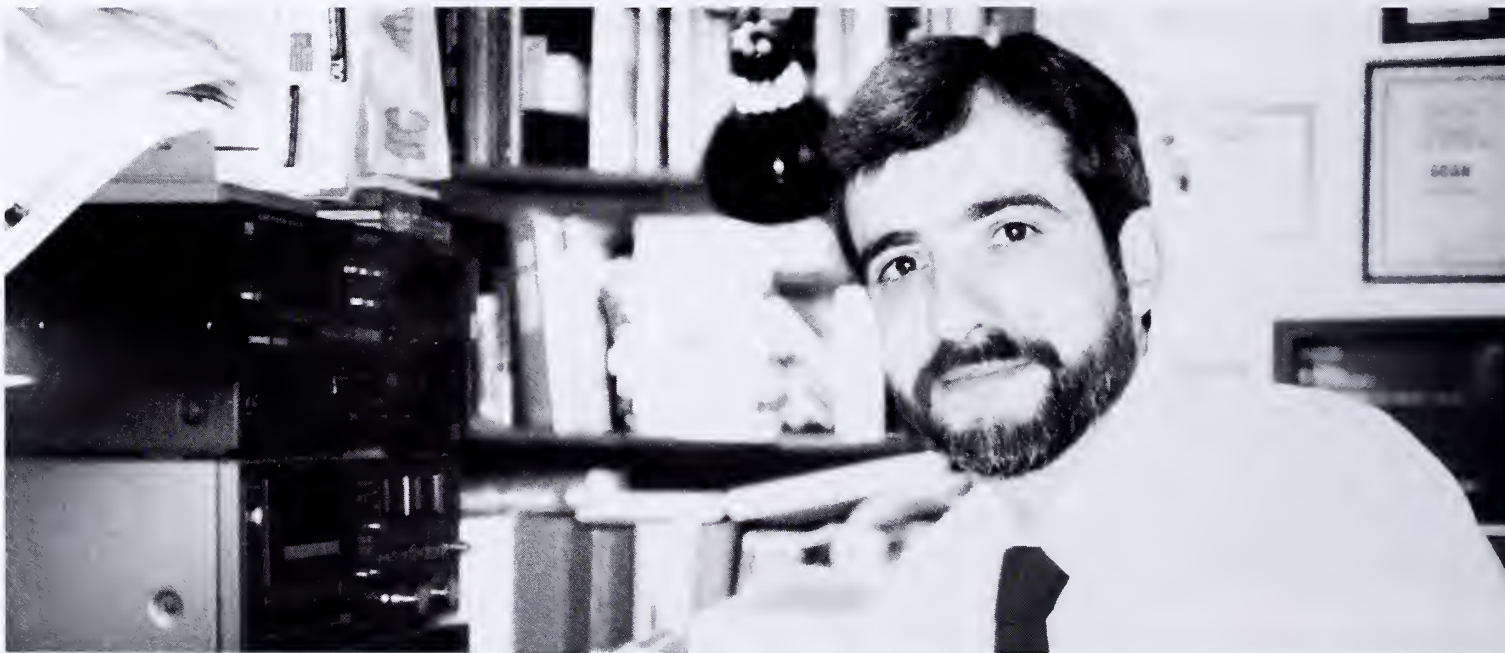
Going along with the gag

At right, Roger Smitter, chair of the Arts and Letters Division, poses for the cover photo of the second issue of *The Kindling* during fall term.





WUNC STAFF



WUNC GENERAL MANAGER

Under the guidance of General Manager John Madormo, WUNC, FM-89.1 has established itself as one of the premier college radio stations in the country.

Three more Marconis, a Silver Dome and an ESPN award from the NACB are added to radio station's trophy case

WONC continues winning ways

by Joe Dennis and Theresa Carlson

WONC, North Central's student-run radio station, arguably the best college station in the country, continued its winning ways by winning three Marconi awards and an ESPN Award for sportscasting during fall term.

Following up on fall term success, juniors Joe Dennis and Eric Klix won a first-place Silver Dome Award for a public service announcement that they wrote and produced.

The Marconi Awards were for Best Sports Play-by-Play, Best sportscasting and Best Production Achievement.

"The awards won continue the tradition the station has had in broadcasting achievement, said General Manager John Madormo.

The three Marconis bring WONC's total to 11 awards, which ties them with Marshall University of Huntington, W. Va., for most Marconi Awards in the nation.

While the station was celebrating their Marconi victories, word came from Providence, R.I., that the station won the ESPN Award for Best Sportscast, their first award from the National Association of College Broadcasters.

The award was for a 10-minute program put together by Scott Miller about the Kane County Cougars and the ramifications the baseball strike had for minor league teams.

"I always tried to challenge myself to never be outworked by anybody," Miller said. "To be awarded for this is great."

In March, assistant program director Joe Dennis and assistant

production direction Eric Klix received word of their first-place Silver Dome award for a public service announcement about responsible drinking on New Year's Eve.

The Silver Dome awards are given annually by the Illinois Broadcasters Association in three categories according to market size. Both college and professional stations compete together.

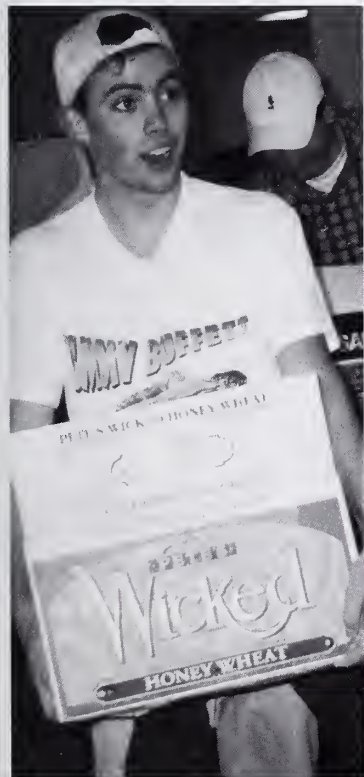
"This was a big honor since we are competing against professional stations," said Klix.

Last year, the pair took third place for a public service announcement warning kids about the dangers of drugs. "After that, Eric and I had every intention of making a PSA that would take first place this year," Dennis said.



First-place winners

Joe Dennis (left) and Eric Klix won a first-place Silver Dome Award for best public service announcement.



Packing it up

Bobby Bolson helps carry boxes on moving day. When WONC staffers weren't busy doing their award-winning work, they were helping with a major move out of Old Main to their new studios in Oliver Hall.

On-the-scene broadcasting

A broadcast from the Spring Arts Festival was one of the many remote broadcasts put together by the WONC staff during the year.



NCC GREEN

Front row: Gina Langford, Karen Duda, Susan Okey, Dan Katai; Back row: Tom Love, faculty adviser, Craig Schurter, Sarah Fisher, Will Swain.



AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Front row: Gerard Miller, Jen Nemanich co-president, Dr. Nancy Peterson, adviser, Sarah Zilka, co-president, Preston Chmura, treasurer; Back row: Mark Mally, Sarah Lang, Chris Hamilton, secretary; Not pictured: Keri Unterzuber. Major activities sponsored by ACS during the year included the ACS Haunted House at Halloween, the annual Cranberry Tea, a Chemistry of Love lecture and presentations to grade school students.

*Led by Agnes Flynn, a new student group
seeks to educate others about important health issues*

SHAPE aims to save lives

by Chanda Boyden



SHAPE members

Front row: Agnes Flynn, adviser, Jennifer Safiran; Middle Row: Sally Parks, Kelli Hughes, guest speaker; Lynn Hamilton; Back Row: Chanda Boyden, Jeremy Fewer, Erica Barton.



SLATE members

Front row: Heather Wulf, public relations; Wendy Feest, president; Christine Curry, Literature Bee coordinator; Back row: JoLynn Walker, treasurer; Christine Soukup, freshman representative; Jason Kowalkowski, vice president. Major activities sponsored by SLATE during the year included speakers on inclusion and multi-culturalism, sharing experiences about student teaching and a Literature Bee with Oak Park school.

Angela Joyner was afraid that many college students would contract AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases or become victims of a drunken driving accident.

This concern inspired the junior to become president of a new organization on campus called STD, HIV/AIDS and Alcohol Peer Educators, or SHAPE. The organization's purpose is to educate students about a wide array of issues ranging from the ones noted in the organization's name to others such as fitness, wellness and women's health.

The organization began unofficially in 1993 when Agnes Flynn became director of Health Services. "I realized I didn't know what was really going on as far as alcohol, HIV/AIDS... I began networking and went to conferences," Flynn said.

She began to use students as a resource, primarily science majors at the time. They were trained through the Red Cross and the county health department. However, the organization needed more people in order to be able to better serve the campus and community. It became an official organization this school year, with Flynn as the director.

"Students are at risk," said Flynn. "North Central is no different from any college. When you read national statistics, you can apply the same percentages to our school."

Statistics show that the organization is needed on many college campuses, especially in the area of alcohol abuse.

SHAPE completed a number of projects during the year in an effort to educate students. During Alcohol Awareness Week, they made and distributed red ribbons to students and co-sponsored a dance on Sweetest Day with the Department of Residence Life.

The group also sponsored a program on Oct. 21 entitled "Sex Issues For Your Ears Only," which was specifically designed to address the health need of females. The DuPage County Department of Health was invited to discuss STDs and birth control options.

SHAPE also sponsored a program called "Dump Your Plump," a fitness program that stresses good health choices by encouraging healthy eating habits and moderate exercise.

Overall, SHAPE strives to present complete information about important health issues so that students can make more informed decisions about sex, drinking and drugs.

"There's so many misconceptions," Flynn said. "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. You don't want people destroying their lives unknowingly or knowingly."

Joyner agreed. "The bottom line is concern for people."

Performers and artists enrich the campus

On the NCC arts stage

Whether participating in choral music, instrumental music, theater or visual arts, many NCC students experienced the thrill of being in the spotlight as they entertained and educated the campus community through the fine arts. Numerous choirs, bands, art exhibits, and theater productions made North Central a richer place both for the participants and the audience members who enjoyed their considerable talents.

Senior Jan Bryan was one of several poets who read from their works during the Spring Arts Festival.





(Top) Impressions art club sponsored many craft booths and arts displays during the Spring Arts Festival.

(Above) NCC Express, the college's show choir, performs a rousing song and dance number at the Spring Arts Festival.

(Left) Members of the Men's Chorus perform a comical version of a French drinking song at the Arts Fest.



The three explorers travel from beaches to jungles to snowy mountain tops as they voyage throughout the earth and through time.

"On the Verge"

Explorers lead audience on a journey through time

by Todd Hertz

Osmosis, Cool Whip, Nixon photos and Dwight Eisenhower are all part of "On the Verge, the fall play directed by Jack Phend.

Beginning in 1888, the play follows three female explorers as they set out in the Terra Incognita, or unexplored regions of the Earth.

But as they travel from beaches to jungles to snowy mountain tops, the travelers themselves and the audience realize that not only are they voyaging throughout the earth but also through time.

That is the interesting part of Eric Overmeyer's script. Instead of a mechanical time machine, the three adventurers seem to be unknowingly using osmosis to travel through time.

As they go, they detect strange notions in their heads and peculiar words, such as Burma Shave and Cool Whip, on their lips.

In addition, along the way they come across foreign objects such as "I Like Ike" buttons. This becomes a repeated saying as the three try to find Ike and why ev-

developed and distinguishable from the other two with individual quirks and interesting personalities.

This is thanks to the script and the fantastic acting job of all three leads: Barbara Prosapio as the rational, upstanding lead explorer, Mimi Cowan as the younger, eager explorer who is always contemplating if women should wear trousers, and Kirsten Fulsang as the more elite contributor to tabloids.

The only other speaking actor is Timothy Biel, who portrays several characters, transforming from one to another with



A character played by Timothy Biel encounters the explorers.

everyone likes him so much.

The action and the story line is well constructed and thoroughly entertaining as the explorers try to cope with all these new ideas and events that are popping into their heads.

Each explorer character is well

ease.

Other honorable mentions include the simple yet effective set design, the direction by Jack Phend, costume design by Julane Sullivan, sound design by Todd Mielcarz and lighting design by Timothy Kostel.



Kirsten Fulsang portrays one of the three explorers.



The three female explorers of "On The Verge" are played by Kirsten Fulsang, Barbara Prosapio and Mimi Cowan.

Below, Tim Biel portrays one of the several strange characters the explorers encounter.



Set in 1888, "On the Verge" humorously explores the theme of time travel.

Directed by theater professor Jack Phend, "On the Verge" featured costume design by Julane Sullivan, sound design by Todd Mielcarz and lighting design by Timothy Kostel.

Two young cast members of the Music Man practice a number during rehearsal. The winter musical boasted a 50-member cast, including many local children.



Above, Mrs. Paroo, played by junior Barbara Prosapio, talks to the town's children.

At right, con-man Harold Hill, played by senior Matt Boresi, makes his pitch to the people of River City.





One of the many complex dance numbers in "Music Man" takes place in the River City library.

Right here in River City

Huge cast stages successful version of 'Music Man'

by Amy Ory

Salesmen are notorious for being con-men, but what about for changing people's lives?

The North Central theater and music departments staged "Music Man" as their annual winter musical, an ambitious task that involved assembling the biggest cast ever on the Pfeiffer stage.

Set in 1912, the musical centers around the character of Harold Hill, a fast-talking traveling salesman/conman, played by senior Matt Boresi. Hill arrives in the small town of River City, Iowa, with intentions of "selling a boys

band, complete with instruments, uniforms and instruction books," said Director Brian Lynch, instructor of theater.

However, there is a small problem. The salesman Hill "doesn't know one music note from another. He's never led a band in his life," said Lynch.

But the salesman's life changes when he falls in love

"The musical has marvelous music, a splendid cast and wonderful dancing."

Musical Director
Pete Martinez

with the local librarian, Marian Paroo, played by Gretchen Wagner.

Other cast members included junior Barbara Prosapio as Mrs. Paroo, and junior David Engel as Marcellus.

Senior Gregory Caldwell portrayed Mayor Shinn, with senior Lucia Spina playing his wife, Eulalie MacKecknie Shinn.

The cast of "Music Man," including local children, was made up of 50 actors.

The musical has "marvelous music, a splendid cast and wonderful dancing," said musical director Jeordano (Pete) Martinez.



College students were joined on stage by a number of area youngsters, who played an important part in creating a delightful musical production.

In the opening scene, traveling salesman/ con-man Harold Hill rides the train, along with a number of like-minded salesman, to River City, Iowa.





From left, Marta Swanson, Holly Schuetz and Megan Teall portrayed numerous characters in the skits making up the play, "A My Name is Alice."

"A My Name is Alice"

Collection of skits deals with range of issues affecting women



Skits in the play addressed issues affecting women, ranging from the serious to the lighthearted.

by Amy Ory

How many women have ever fantasized about getting revenge on a chauvinistic male?

Dealing with chauvinism is one of the many issues women face every day. Junior Erika Hall, addresses many of them as director of the play "A My Name is Alice," the second in the new Studio Series, in which a student has the opportunity to direct a play in Smith Hall.

According to Hall, the play is a combination of skits which portray what it's like to be a woman at any age. The skits vary from portraying very serious situations to being spoofs "making fun of stereotypical women," said Hall.

The skits were written and

compiled by Joan Micklin and Ruth Ann Silver, both playwrights from New York, as well as a group of other writers.

Five female actresses each play six to 10 roles, including roles as men. Teenage puberty, a middle-aged kindergarten teacher, and a woman getting revenge on a sexist construction worker are some of the situations addressed.

Junior Julie Gregoire, a cast member, said her favorite role is of a female poet who "blames the male race for any misery in her life." Her character is a terrible poet who reads an amusing poem to the audience.

Gregoire and Hall agree that the play is not just for women. "There's something in the play for everyone. It's very unique," Gregoire said.



Megan Teall, Holly Schuetz and Julie Gregoire show their versatility in one of the skits.



Mr. Weiss, played by Paul Mashl, addresses his daughter, Lusia, played by Deborah Palmes-Martin, in an emotional scene.

"A Shayna Maidel"

The story of reunited Jewish sisters helps teach about the Holocaust

by Emily Dodson

"A Shayna Maidel," the NCC theater's department's spring play, tells the story of two Jewish sisters separated during the Holocaust.

Written by Barbara Lebow, "A Shayna Maidel" takes place in the Manhattan apartment of Rose Weiss, played by Barbara Prosapio. Rose had fled her native Poland with her father (played by Paul Mashl) when she was very young.

Her sister, Lusia Weiss Pechenick, is played by Deborah Palmes-Martin, assistant professor of theater and director of the play.

With the war over, Lusia comes to the states to be reunited with her father and sister, whom she hasn't seen in years.

Lusia must deal with her past and the haunting memories of surviving the Holocaust. She also holds out hope of seeing her husband, Duvid Pechenick (played by David Engel) whom she has not seen for six years. Finally, Lusia must learn how to live in America, an art which her younger sister has mastered.

Through a sequence of dreams, the audience learns much about Lusia's time in Poland, her mother and her hus-

band.

Because Rose was so young when she and her father left Poland, she does not remember anything about her mother or sister. Throughout the play, she struggles to get facts from Lusia and Mr. Weiss about her mother's death. By the end of the play, Rose finally receives the information she has been seeking and feels closer to the mother she never knew.

The play concludes with the long-awaited, tender reunion of Lusia and her beloved Duvid, who has made his way from Europe to New York. Lusia then introduces her husband to her father and sister.

Although the first act of "A Shayna Maidel" seemed long, the compelling story, fine performances and a charming set made the play enjoyable.

In addition, the use of lighting added a nice dimension to the dream sequence and the small doses of 1940s music helped set the atmosphere.

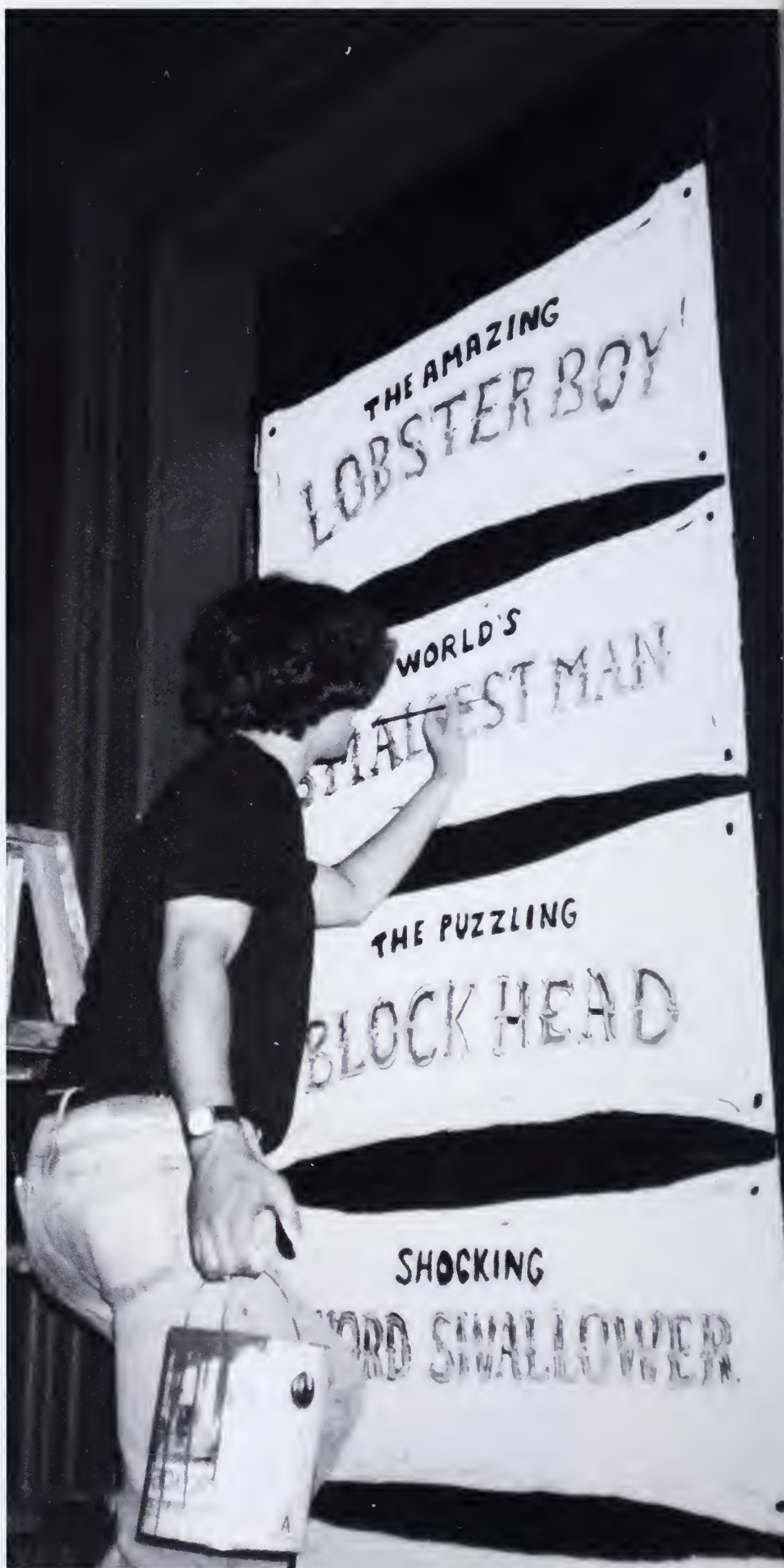
"A Shayna Maidel" was an appropriate choice for the spring play as it complemented the year-long curriculum and cultural events that focused on the Holocaust and its survivors. It helps audiences understand the many social and personal aspects of the post-World War II Jewish community.

Seniors Michael T. Watkins (left) and Matthew J. Boresi stand next to the marquee announcing their original musical, "Lobster Boy," as the first offering in the 1996-97 Studio Theater Series.



Above, the cast and crew of "Lobster Boy" prepare the set for opening night. Pictured from left are Kelly Clemens, Paul Mashl, David Engel and Gina Boresi.

At right, "Lobster Boy" lyricist and author Matt Boresi puts the finishing touches on the set in Smith Hall.





Junior David Engel portrays the schizoid menace Lobster Boy.

"Lobster Boy!"

Original student production examines the bizarre

by Amy Ory

The bizarre panorama of a carnival delights us and captivates our souls, as does the play, "Lobster Boy!"

The play portrays a freak in a carnival given the name Lobster Boy. The rise and fall of Lobster Boy, as well as the abuse and exploitation he endures are the focus of the show. At the same time, "Lobster Boy!" depicts the decline of the American carnival.

Senior Matt Boresi, the student director who wrote the script and lyrics, captures the effervescence of a

carnival with the help of senior music education major Mike Watkins, who wrote the music.

Boresi, a theater major, wrote and directed "Lobster Boy" for his senior thesis.

However, this was not Boresi's debut as a theater writer and director at NCC. In the fall of 1995, he directed his own play, "Summer of

"Due to the off-beat subject matter, Lobster Boy makes for an absurdly funny but thought-provoking show."

Matt Boresi

Our Discontent."

Watkins, an already successful music director, works at Only A Stage Incorporated, in Fifth Avenue Station. He also teaches voice lessons at Brookdale Music.

"Lobster Boy!" was the first play in NCC's new studio theater series in Smith Hall. Each term the series offers a student-directed production.

"Lobster Boy!" is a story that is full of surprises, including murder. "Due to the off-beat subject matter, it makes for an absurdly funny but thought-provoking show," Boresi said.



Above, senior Lucia Spina prepares senior Gretchen Wagner for her role as the Bearded Lady in "Lobster Boy!"

At left, the colorful cast of the original musical "Lobster Boy!" poses for a photo on the Smith Hall stage.

Photos courtesy of Matt Boresi





MIDNIGHT BLUES JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Vocalist Lucia Spina sings to the accompaniment of the jazz band during a performance at Ellsworth School in Naperville.



CONCERT BAND

Under the direction of Dr. Larry VanOyen, the Concert Band performs at a concert for children at Ellsworth School.

Striking up the band

Instrumentalists entertain the campus and the community



Dressed in their finest

With their director, Dr. Larry VanOyen, the Concert Band poses for a formal photo in Pfeiffer Hall.

Ready to march

Below, members of the jazz ensemble get ready to participate in the Homecoming Parade.



Hot air

With a little assistance, a student at Ellsworth School in Naperville gives his lungs a workout on the tuba.



NCC EXPRESS

Members of the NCC Express show choir perform during the Spring Arts Festival.



VOICES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR

From left: Angela Joyner, president, Michele D. Clark, Adrienne Chairs, secretary, Eddie Rogers, Mario Kidd, Richard Roberson, Poet Roberson, Cedric Cummins, Donnell Harris, Makeda Sanders, Arnise Roberson, chaplain, Kasia Jackson, vice president

Raising their voices in song

Students find many performance arenas for their vocal talents



Follow the leader

At left, director Ramona Wis leads the men's chorus in a vocal selection at the Spring Arts Festival.

Senior Choir

Below, the Baccalaureate Senior Choir rehearses "Old Main," an original tribute to North Central by seniors Matt Boresi and Mike Watkins.



Choir Camaraderie

Two members of the men's chorus perform a humorous version of a French drinking song at the Spring Arts Fest.

Fun on tour

The graduating seniors of the Concert Choir pose for a photo in Groveland, Illinois.

Spring Arts Festival

Annual event showcases student talent

At right, art students create paper flowers at one of the many crafts booths at the Arts Fest.

Below, Lucia Spina performs a scene from a Shakespeare play that she prepared as part of an acting class.



Above, art students show off their goldfish pond, where festival patrons could win a fish by tossing a coin on a "lilly pad."

At right, art students had fun creating an elaborate sand castle next to the Arts Center.





At left, students design their own necklaces at one of the crafts booths sponsored by art students.



Below, members of the Arts and Letters faculty perform the traditional Maypole dance.



Psychology professor Tom Sawyer chats with some students at the picnic lunch served at Jefferson Plaza.



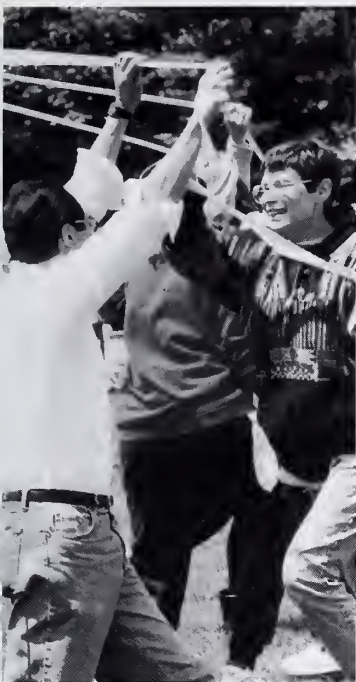
Face painting proved to be one of the most popular booths at the Arts Fest.

Theater faculty member Brian Lynch (far right) and students enjoy a performance at the Arts Fest.

Below, senior Megan Murphy and a friend create jewelry at one of many booths sponsored by the art department.



Members of the Men's Chorus perform one of several rousing numbers at the Spring Arts Festival.



English professors Richard Guzman and Sara Eaton twist and turn their way through the traditional A&L faculty Maypole Dance.

Members of the NCC Express show choir fire up the Arts Fest crowd.



Arts Celebration

A&L festival is rite of spring

by Emily Dodson

The annual spring tradition known as the A&L Spring Arts Festival offered students a chance to "show off their talent and for the Division of Arts & Letters to show its diversity," said division chair Roger Smitter.

Both the campus and Naperville community were invited to the event, which coincided with Founder's Day celebrations and the spring board of trustees meeting. Festival patrons enjoyed a picnic lunch and wide-ranging entertainment on Jefferson Plaza on May 16.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jefferson Plaza came alive with performances by a variety of performing groups including concert winds, jazz band, NCC Express and the men's chorus. Theater students performed scenes from Shakespeare and creative writers read selections of poetry. Theater professor Brian Lynch offered a vocal selection and members of the A&L faculty performed their traditional Maypole Dance. The afternoon concluded with international folk dancing.

Throughout the afternoon, art students and other organizations sponsored booths that offered face painting, jewelry making and culinary delights such as La Familia's churros. The various booths led festival patrons along the sidewalk to the Arts Center, where student artworks were displayed.

Smitter and festival chair Tom Rowlands of the art department noted that one of the main goals of the Arts Fest was simply "to be outside and have fun."



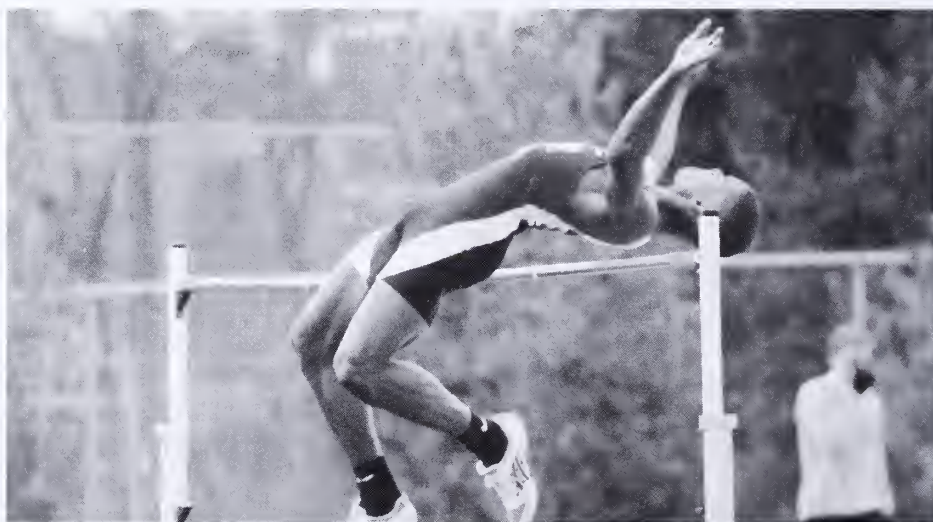
At left, a student wins her prize of a goldfish at one of the more unusual attractions sponsored by the art department.

Above, a young campus visitor takes advantage of the face painting booth at the Arts Festival.

Cardinal athletes make their mark

On the playing field

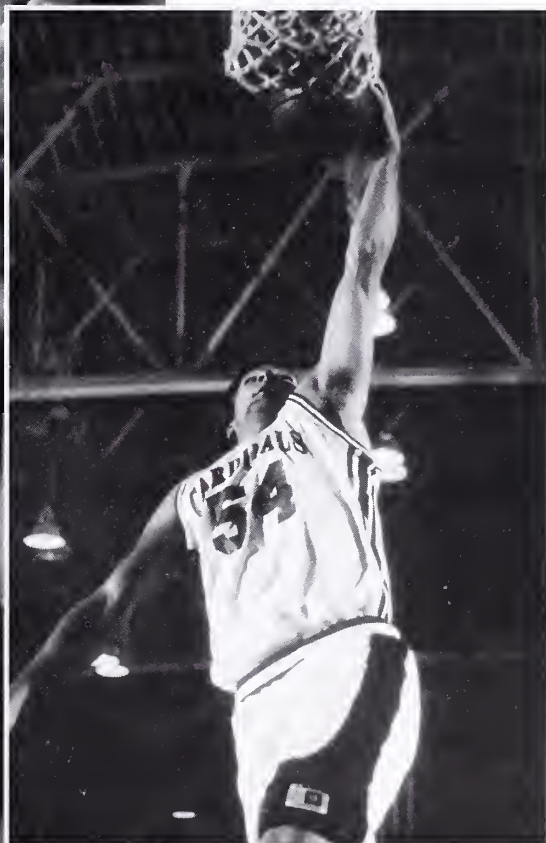
It turned out to be a year of superlatives for many Cardinal athletic teams. The perennial powerhouse men's cross country team boasted another national champion in Matt Brill, the women's track team placed third in the nation and the wrestling squad grabbed the CCIW title from powerhouse Augustana. Whatever their sports, Cardinal athletes showed class both on and off the playing field.



Junior Donnell Harris clears the bar with room to spare. Harris placed second in the high jump at the Chicagoland Championships.

Freshman quarterback Nick Yeager earned CCIW Player of the Week honors by scrambling for 158 yards and three touchdowns plus passing for another score in one game.





(Top) Sophomore Mike Cull seems to have the upper hand on his opponent. The wrestling squad seized the CCIW Championship over powerhouse Augustana and placed 3rd at Regionals.

(Above) Senior forward Dave Groharing earned first team All-CCIW honors with an average of 19.2 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

(Left) Senior Teri Rahn blocks out for the rebound. She was named to the all-CCIW second team and earned CCIW Player of the Week honors after scoring 36 points and grabbing 17 rebounds in two wins.

FRESHMAN LEADER

At right, quarterback Nick Yeager earned CCIW Player of the Week honors.

Volleyball places third in conference First winning season in 9 years for football

Millikin win is a team highlight

The first winning season in nine years marked a series of milestones for the NCC football team. The Cardinals posted a 5-4 mark and finished in a tie for third-place in the CCIW.

Although the season ended on a losing note when the team dropped a heartbreaker to Wheaton College, 30-19, there were plenty of bright spots throughout the season. One big win was a 51-20 defeat of Millikin University on Nov. 9 in front of a Veterans Day crowd.

For only the second time in school history, two men rushed for 150 yards in a game. Against Millikin, freshman quarterback Nick Yeager rushed for 158 yards and three touchdowns on just 16 carries while passing for another score to earn CCIW Player of the Week honors.

Freshman John Redwinski added 150 yards in the contest. The victory was the first over the Big Blue since 1983.

Besides Yeager, junior Ryan Passaglia earned conference Player of the Week honors.

Offensive guard Jim Witte, a junior, was named first-team all-North Re-

gion, second-team all-Chicago Area Small School by "College Sports Chicago" and third team all-NCAA Division III North Region.

Junior fullback Jeff Studnicka earned first-team all-Chicago Area and second team all-conference. Other second team all-Chicago Area honorees were freshman tight end Luke Johnson and freshman offensive tackle Joel Curry. Additional second team all-CCIW recipients were Passaglia, senior linebacker John Evans and freshman cornerback Norman Robinson.

Disappointing end for spikers

by Joe Dennis

North Central's volleyball team did not end their season the way they had hoped to. Seeded first at the CCIW tournament, the Cardinals took sixth place to finish in a three-way tie for third overall in the conference.

Senior Bernadette Bryant and juniors Tara Fenske and Lindsay Feris were named to the 1996 CCIW All-Conference teams.

In the regular-season conference tournament at Gregory Arena, the Cardi-

nals won a first-place showdown against Millikin. The team finished the season with a 19-18 record.

Consistent solid performances by several Cardinals earned them post-season awards.

Co-captain Bryant ranked fourth in the NCAA Division III with 198 digs in 28 conference games and she placed second on the team with 282 kills and tied for third with 41 serving aces.

Fenske ended her season by earning a spot on the CCIW's All-Conference Second Team and the All-CCIW Academic Team.

She led the Cardinals with 187 blocks on the season and placed fourth in the CCIW with 41 blocks in conference play.

She also finished third on the team with 276 kills and 316 digs.

Feris also walked away with post-season honors, being selected to the All-Conference Third Team. She placed ninth in the CCIW with 68 kills in conference play while leading the team in that category with 371.

She also was second on the team with 171 blocks, placing her fifth in the CCIW (33 blocks).



MAKING CONTACT

Kicker Joel Kirstin gets off a solid boot with the help of holder Tony LiFonti.



VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Front row: Andrea Johnston, Bernadette Bryant, Jen Doede, Lisa Dolan; Back row: Tara Fenske, Lindsay Feris, Brandy Laushot, Amanda Whitlock



FOOTBALL TEAM

Bottom row: Tom Whalen, John Redwinski, Jeff Beran, Phetsakone Samayavong, Curtis Sneed, Marc Gralnick, Norman Robinson, Cory Stevens, Casey Kero, Greg Geyer, Kory Kokinda; **2nd row:** Jen Coglianese, Anthony Silvestri, Zach Bukal, Vince Reh, Don Shadian, Wade Scheffner, Scott Pruis, Erik Barnaby, Tony LiFonti, Leon McWilliams, Mike Witt, Ginger Huber; **3rd row:** Bryant Cobarrubias, Coach Joe DeGeorge, Coach Gary Raikie, Coach Pat Gora, Coach Jim Zajicek, Coach John Wagner, Head Coach Bill Mack, Coach Lawrence Wayne, Coach Mark Vanderkooi, Coach Chris Wojtowicz, Coach Grant Blaney, Coach Jim Miller, Derrick Hoffman, Jeremy Gudauskas; **4th row:** Nick Yeager, Dan Carpenter, Ferris Akabawi, Bill DeVoy, Joel Kirstein, Brett Cihlar, Andy Anderson, Mike Lezon, Jeff Studnicka, Chris Rozanski, Mike Dwyer, Ben Rockwell, Mario Kidd, Nick Fulara; **5th row:** Ben Klipowicz, Jeremy Lyerly, Dan Cichocki, John Evans, Brian Phelan, Drew McKissick, Jake Hubert, Mike Gallagher, Eddie Rogers, Jack Wheatley, Scott Groenendal, Steve Pulver, Pedro Leon, William Hosey, Devin Gordon; **6th row:** Mike Mohr, Ryan Passaglia, Chris Baird, Mike Makutenas, Ed Haugens, Donnell Harris, John Roberts, Wayne Jackson, James Smith, John Witte, Jim Witte, Andy Petersen, Joel Curry, Brian Welch; **Top row:** Brin Lee, Scot Lindner, Jan Luetkemeyer, Mark Florence, Jason Thompson, Ron Caruso, Joe Pope, John Heemstra, Steve Sheehan, Eric Mayhew, Luke Johnson, Dan Brick, Phil Howard, Jason Wielgus, Dan Abrams



BRINGING THEM DOWN

Lineman Mike Makutenas makes the tackle.

Two women earn all-CCIW honors

Standout

Roggen

makes his mark

Men's team settles for a .500 season

Senior Chris Roggen moved into second on North Central's all-time goal scoring list in men's soccer, amassing 20 goals and seven assists last fall.

He led the CCIW with 47 points as the Cardinals rebounded to post an 8-8 overall record. Roggen had two three-goal games, including a 4-3 overtime victory over Olivet Nazarene University. Including the Olivet win, the team won its final four games.

Roggen was also named all-CCIW and third team all-Midwest. Sophomore David Good (15 points on six goals, three assists) was also a double-digit scorer.

Senior Bryce Cann posted a 4-2 record in goal.

Carter named CCIW Player of the Week

Junior forward Jennifer Carter was named CCIW "Player of the Week" as the Cardinals exploded to a 2-0 start under first-year coach Jason Cohen.

Carter scored five goals and contributed two assists in the two wins. Carter had three goals in a 5-2 win over Millikin University in Decatur.

Senior goalkeeper Shelby Graham and sophomore defender Christina Nimmo were named all-conference for the year.

Graham made 66 saves in 11 games while Nimmo scored a goal and helped keep opponents from getting to the goal with her strong defense.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore Jen Carter was named CCIW Player of the Week after scoring five goals and contributing two assists in the Cardinals two opening wins.



MEN'S SOCCER

Front row: David Wier, Kent Rosenbaum, Josh Stallings, Travis Carlisle, Donnie Vujosevic, Enzo Incandela, Matt Cerretto;
 Middle row: Andy Wojciak, Mike Witkowski, Mat Nowak, Bryce Cann, Andy Stephens, Dimitri Lalagos, Mike Neidig,
 Dan Padgett; Back row: David Good, Chris Roggen, trainer Jason Snyder, assistant coach Barry Jacobson, head coach
 Jim Kulawiak, trainer Jill Feree, John Terry, Jason Morrow



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Bottom row: Brynn Krogh, Kelly Saul, Stephanie Aumann, Kelly Novak, Dawn Strnad, Brenda Brandlin; Middle row:
 trainer Andy Reichert, Mercedes Nagel, Shelby Graham, Ali Nelson, Cheryl Rohline, Lisa Robertson, trainer Kevin Payne;
 Back row: Carrie Watson, Jessica Hennis, Michele Kilcer, Kim Sayers, Christina Nimmo, Jennifer Carter, Christina Atkins,
 coach Jason Cohen

Victory ends 15-year dry spell

Wrestlers capture conference crown

Cards defeat CCIW rival Augustana

by Joe Dennis

After 15 years of conference domination in wrestling, the Augustana Vikings found themselves 19 points behind the North Central Cardinals, who won their first conference crown since 1978.

Preceding the conference meet, NCC had stunned Augustana in the regular season, defeating the conference rival for the first time in 21 head-to-head meets.

The Cardinals finished the tournament with 88.5 points,

followed by Augustana with 69.5. The tournament victory also included conference titles for four Cardinal wrestlers.

Junior Chris Talmadge captured a CCIW title in the 126-pound class and two-time conference champ, junior Ronnell Harris, was the expected champion at 134 pounds.

In his final season, senior Tony LiFonti claimed his first conference title. Senior John Witte defended his conference title in the heavy weight division.

In the NCAA Division III West Regional, hosted by

NCC, the team took third place, qualifying Petrovic and Harris for the national championship.

Petrovic (126) wrestled in two very close matches. In his first match, Petrovic lost a heartbreaker, 7-5. Petrovic's next match was even closer, in a double-overtime tiebreaker. Harris (134) also dropped his two matches at nationals.

"The positive is that Petrovic and Harris still have one more year," said head coach Jim Miller.

"Now we're at the point where we know what it takes

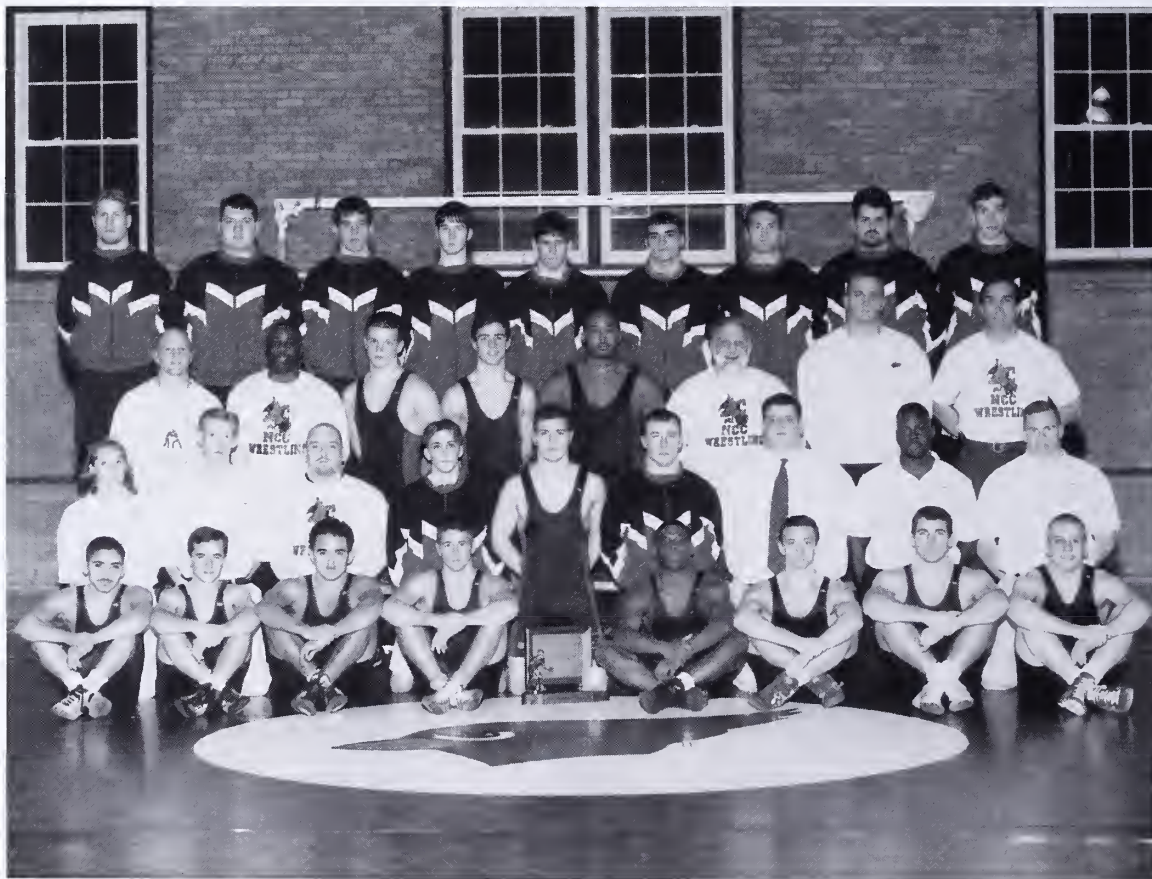
Golfers place 6th in CCIW championship

by Brian Summers

The NCC men's golf team placed sixth in a closely-matched conference tournament, just five strokes behind fifth-place Illinois Wesleyan.

All-conference honors went to freshman Brian Wolfe, who shot a 79 the first day and followed with an 80 the next to finish fifth in conference.

Other Cardinals who carded scores were Keith



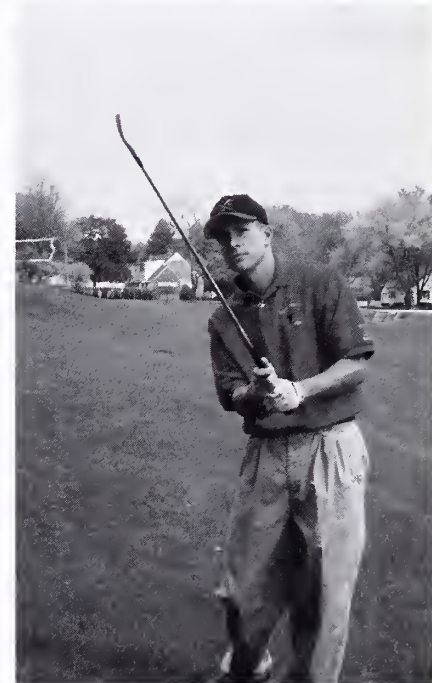


HEAVYWEIGHT

At left, senior John Witte successfully defended his CCIW title.

SENIOR TRIUMPH

Below, senior wrestler Tony LiFonti had his best finish ever, winning a conference title in his final season.



FRESHMAN STANDOUT

Above, freshman golfer Brian Wolfe earned all-conference honors with a fifth-place finish in the CCIW meet.

NATIONAL QUALIFIER

At left, junior Ronnell Harris won a conference title and qualified for the national meet.

TEAM LEADER

Senior Anne Adduci led the Cardinals to a second-place finish in the CCIW.

Women earn 7th-place regional finish Men place second at national meet

Matt Brill wins individual title

by Brian Summers

With senior Matt Brill leading the way as individual champion, the North Central men's cross country team finished second at the Division III National Championships on Nov. 16 at Augustana College.

"I knew I didn't want it to come down to the last mile because I was competing against the best milers in the country," said Brill. "I didn't feel real good early in the race. Finally, I said to myself, 'This is the last three miles of your career. Let's go.'"

Making the victory even sweeter was the fact that Brill had never before won a cross country race in his college career. Brill had taken a back seat to two runners in particular the past two years.

Last year, Brill was content to let teammate John Weigel shine as Weigel went on to win the 1995 national championship. This year, it was Augustana's Ambo Bati who seemed to have Brill's number. In the five times the two faced each other heading into nationals, Brill had finished second each time.

"Matt Brill is a man of great character," said head coach Al Carius. "It was a thrill to see him end his career with a national championship. Last year he had too much respect for Weigel to challenge him. He received his just reward this year by win-

ning."

Brill wasn't the only Cardinal runner to perform well. Sophomore Tony Rizzo and senior Cam Stuber earned All-American honors, finishing sixth and 26th.

Carius said the team's greatest accomplishment was its "ability to pull itself together and run with maturity."

Axtman records best women's finish

The women's cross country team ended a strong 1996 season with a seventh place showing at the NCAA Midwest Regional at Augustana College on Nov. 9.

The team's seventh place finish among 29 teams was earned with outstanding individual performances. Sophomore Bethany Axtman had the best women's Regional finish (19th) since Jessica Sarelas placed 14th in 1994. Senior Anne Aducci was the second Cardinal runner to cross the line as she finished 27th.

Rounding out the top seven runners for NCC were sophomore Jamie Peterson, 44th, freshman Amy May, 47th, sophomore Cindy Aglinskis, 92nd, sophomore Kim Winslow, 105th, and freshman Katie Plowman, 109th.

Prior to the Regional championship, the Cardinals placed second at the CCIW meet, losing to Augustana College by only one point.

Named to the all-CCIW team were Aducci, who placed third, Amy May (5th), Axtman (8th) and Plowman (11th).



NATIONAL CHAMPION

At the point of exhaustion, senior Matt Brill crosses the finish line in first place at the NCAA Division III national championships.



**1996 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CCIW CHAMPIONS
DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, SECOND PLACE**

Sitting: Ryan Butler, Jeff Bral, Matt Brill, James Weigel, Matt McCoy, Luther Olson, Weert Goldenstein, Jeff Johnson, Tiim McCoskey, Aaron Cook, Tony Rizzo, Dan Savage, Steve Donnelly, Nate Montgomery, trainer Jeff Flack, coach Jims Dickerson, Greg Huffaker, coach Al Carius, coach Frank Gramarosso, Gary Englehorn; Standing: Mahesh Narayanan, Jeff Stiles, Joe Hubbard, Josh Zilm, Chad Hillman, Cam Stuber, Erik Dieckman, Matt Krump, Jack Kafel, Jeremy Biviens, Jason Mayer, Brad Henz, Anay Snook, Steve Imig, Dave Bashaw, John Novak; Top row in bus: Bill Bacon, Charles Califf, Gerard Miller, Will Swain, Adam Maier, Nick Stelzer, John Roehr, Glen Krisch, Don Wehrli, Jeff Zematis



1996 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/ SECOND PLACE IN CCIW

Kneeling: Emily Cook, Megan Teall, Jamie Peterson, Phoebe Cox, Anne Adduci, Jenny Kintzele, Bethany Axtman, Christina Mack; **2nd row:** Amy May, Cassandra Headley, Carrie Gardner, Angie Schilling, Cassandra Salgado, Lindsay Williams, Kim Winslow, Heidi Frost, Sara Dierdorff, Amanda Bartling, Katy Montgomery; **3rd row:** Ellen Wilson, Cindy Aglinskas, Shannon Byrne, Katie Plowman, Amber Cobb, Caitlin McLaughlin (photo courtesy of Christina Mack)



TEAMMATES

Jack Kafel (12) and Jeff Stiles (23) helped their team with solid performances during the season.

SMASHING SERVE

Sophomore Vanessa Vaughn keeps her eye on the ball as she concentrates on her serve.

Men's tennis wins two invitationals Swimmers finish strong in CCIW

Dusenske, McCusker lead men's swimming

The men's swim team grabbed third place and the women's team finished just short of fourth at the CCIW championship meet Feb. 13-15.

Wheaton College won the men's competition and Illinois Wesleyan was second. "They swam real strong," head coach Dennis Ryan said of both teams. However, he was pleased that the Cardinal men moved up from last year's fifth place.

The women took fifth place in the CCIW, missing fourth place by just 3.5 points.

Leading the way for the men were freshmen Daren Dusenske and junior Bryan McCusker. Dusenske placed second in the 100-yard backstroke, third in the 200-yard backstroke and sixth in the 200-yard individual medley.

McCusker placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke and fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Other swimmers scoring points for the men included sophomores Mark Dooley and Matt Potter and senior Luke Payette.

The men also won the North Central Invitational in December for the second year in a row.

The highest place for the women in the CCIW tournament was fourth with junior Tara Wilson placing fourth in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard butterfly. Freshman Aimee Ferguson was also fourth in the 100-yard backstroke.

Two school records were broken by the women: senior Kelly Wilson broke the 50-yard freestyle record and Tara Wilson broke her own record in the 200-yard butterfly.

Olson caps career with a 22-5 record

Senior Luther Olson capped off his career in tennis by posting a 22-5 record and placing second in the CCIW.

Three of his five losses were to Chad Moser, a nationally-ranked player from Illinois Wesleyan University.

Olson won the No. 1 singles bracket at the Augustana College Invitational and placed second at the Rusty Gates Invitational at Rockford College.

The Cardinals placed fifth as a team at the conference meet and finished with an 8-5 record in dual meets. The team placed second at both the Rusty Gates and Augustana Invites.

Senior Matt Martineau had a 16-7 record in doubles and combined with senior Curtis Jones to advance to the finals at Rusty Gates.

On the women's side, sophomore Kristen Boczkowski posted a 5-5 record at No. 4 singles to lead the team in wins.

The Cardinals amassed a 3-14 record and placed seventh at the CCIW tournament.

Junior Dawn Gallinger played her second straight year at No. 1 singles and teamed with Boczkowski most of the year at No. 1 doubles.



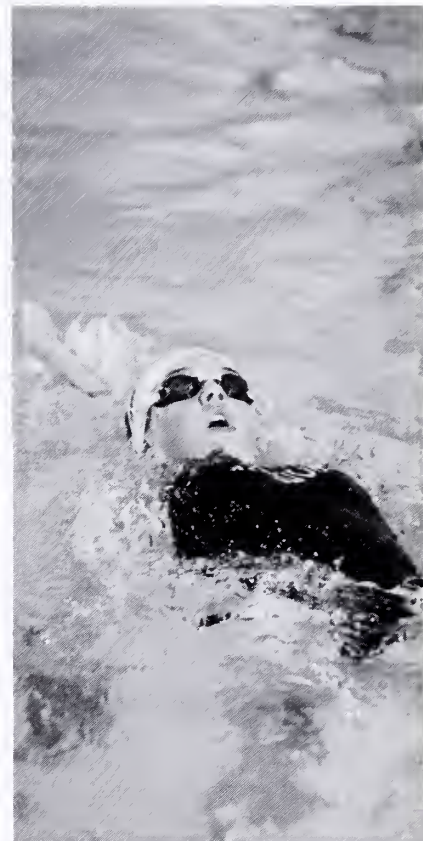
BACK AT YOU

Jenna Moroney gets set for a backhand return.



POWERFUL STROKE

At left, junior Bryan McCusker placed second and fourth in breaststroke events at the conference championships to help earn a third place CCIW finish for the men's swimming team.



STRONG FINISH

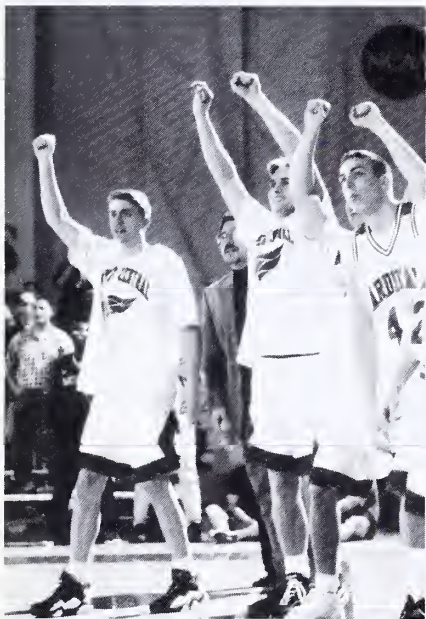
The women's swim team missed a fourth place finish in the CCIW by a mere 3.5 points.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

JUNIOR STANDOUT

At right, Mike Benhart led the Cardinals with 100 assists, 53 steals and a .743 free-throw percentage. He averaged 9.2 points and 14 rebounds per game.



ALL FOR ONE

Above, the Cardinal bench celebrates a home win over defending national champ Illinois Wesleyan University.

THREE-POINT ACE

At right, freshman Jeni Shaw was named CCIW and NCAA Division III Midwest Player of the Week after making 6 out of 7 three-pointers in two games.



Coaching changes: Bill Warden resigns; Kim Hansen not reappointed

Both teams post winning seasons

Groharing named to CCIW first team

North Central was perhaps the only men's basketball team in the country to defeat two top-ten teams in the same week.

The Cardinals handed national champion Illinois Wesleyan University one of its only two losses on the season, 81-72 at Gregory Arena on Jan. 22. Three days later, NCC thumped 10th-ranked Wheaton College, 70-65.

Another victory over Wheaton and a win over fourth-ranked University of Chicago gave North Central its first regional ranking in seven years and kept the Cardinals in a race for the NCAA Tournament

until the last week of the season. The Cards ended the season with a 13-12 record.

Forward Dave Groharing was twice named CCIW Player of the Week and earned first team All-CCIW honors after averaging 19.2 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

Forward Dave Oberwise, a second-team All-CCIW choice, was one of the conference's most feared big men with 8.4 rebounds per game and 11 blocks in conference play.

Jeremy Meisinger became NCC's all-time three-point man by sinking 59 treys on the year to total 136 for his career. Groharing broke the single-season mark by connecting on 62 shots from behind the arc.

Rahn and Kalivas grab CCIW honors

North Central returned to the upper division of the CCIW in women's basketball this season by tying for fourth place in the conference and posting a 14-11 overall mark.

Highlights of the year included a championship at the Land of Magic Classic in Daytona Beach, Fla., in late December and handing conference champion Millikin University its only conference loss in a 71-65 victory on Jan. 21.

Teri Rahn scored 36 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in wins over the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Messiah College in Florida to earn her

CCIW Player of the Week honors. Rahn, a second-team All-CCIW selection, and Lindsay Feris comprised one of the top front courts in the conference.

Together, they amassed 14.4 rebounds while shooting over 55 percent from the field for the year. Feris broke the Cardinals' single-season record for field-goal shooting by connecting on 56.6 percent of her shots.

Kris Kalivas, the Cardinals' other second-team All-CCIW performer, had a career high 103 assists to go along with 51 steals on the year.

Freshman Jeni Shaw was named CCIW and NCAA Division III Midwest Player of the Week after making 6 of 7 three-pointers in two wins.



MEN'S BASKETBALL-- Front row: Jason Snider, Kim Sayers, David Kies, Mike Benhart, Dave Wilson, Dan Eddy, Mike Brown, Tom Crum; Back row: Fred Ploegman, Kendall Hutchinson, Frank Janczak, Dan Morrell, Jeremy Meisinger, Sean Jones, Dave Oberwise, Dave Groharing, Kevin Baldus, Assistant Coach Bob Bray, Head Coach Bill Warden



END OF AN ERA

Bill Warden, the winningest men's basketball coach in North Central history, retired from his post on March 3, making way for long-time assistant Bob Bray to take over the program. As head coach for 16 years, Warden won more than 200 games and led his teams to four NCAA Division III playoff berths and three CCIW titles. On the women's side, head coach Kim Hansen's contract was not renewed despite a winning season.

FEARSOME FRESHMAN
National champion Lakeya Boatright takes the handoff from sophomore Maggie Zdziarska.

Men win 13th straight CCIW title

Women finish 3rd in national meet

Boatright captures NCAA title in 200

The Cardinal women's track team sent two juniors (Phelia Weir and Karen Maksinski), two sophomores (Pristina Jones and Maggie Zdziarska) and one freshman (Lakeya Boatright) to the NCAA Division III Championships, where they met every challenge, placing third in the nation, the best finish in school history.

Boatright broke the school and CCIW records in the 100 and 200 meters and capped the season by winning the national title in the 200 and placing second nationally in the 100.

Jones, Weir, Zdziarska and Boatright combined to place second nationally in the 4x400-meter relay in a school record 3:49.98, while Jones, Boatright, Maksinski and Zdziarska joined to place third in the 4x100-meter relay. Jones placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18' 8 1/2" after setting a school and CCIW record in the event earlier in the year.

The Cardinals narrowly missed their fifth CCIW title, losing out to Augustana.

Besides the four conference records, Anne Adduci won the CCIW 5,000 meters, Zdziarska and Weir placed 1-2 in the 400 meters and All-American Vanessa Vaughn won the 400-meter hurdles. Elizabeth Scott improved her NCC record in the hammer throw at 109' 10".

Runners earn All American honors

The men's track team won their 13th straight CCIW title, their 10th consecutive Chicagoland Championship and placed in the top 10 in the nation for the 10th year in a row.

Junior David Thompson completed his first year at North Central by placing second nationally in the long jump and running a leg of the Cardinals' seventh-place 4x100-meter relay team. The other members of that All-America relay team were juniors Mike Wichman, Emil Ostberg and Joel Williams.

NCC picked up five more All-America honors at the national meet held in LaCrosse, Wis. Sophomore Tony Rizzo and junior Erik Dieckman placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 1,500 meters. Sophomore Jack Kafel and junior Jeff Stiles were fifth and seventh, respectively, in the steeplechase, while Williams was eighth in the 200. The Cardinals tied for fifth nationally as a team.

The Cardinals convincingly 13-peated as CCIW champs. Individual champions were junior Ryan Board in the 10,000 meters, Stiles in the steeplechase, senior Nate Breed in the 800 meters, Kafel in the 5,000 meters, freshman Cory Most in the 400 meters and junior Kevin Schofield in the 400-meter hurdles and the 4x400-meter relay team.



MAN OF STEEL

Junior Steve Draminski was a national qualifier in the discus.



WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM/ 3RD PLACE AT NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sitting: Dawn Carlson, Shane Sanford, Cassie Patton, Phelia Weir, Maggie Zdziarska, Karen Makinski, Lakeya Boatright, Pristina Jones, Anne Adduci, Shannon Byrne, Renee Robinette; **2nd row:** Kelly Novak, Elizabeth Scott, Cindy Aglinskis, Emily Cook, Jamie Peterson, Bethany Axtman, Beth Lamie, Katie Plowman, Ellen Wilson, Carrie Gardner, Casey Salgado, Christina Mack, Sara Dierdorff, Ginger Huber; **3rd row:** Coach Marcia Thurwachter, coach Wallace, Vanessa Vaughn, Heidi Frost, Natasha Moore, Katy Montgomery, Kimberly Winslow, Jenny Kintzele, Lindsey Williams, Karyn Rabenhorst, Amy Feltz, Kelly Janssen, Colleen Carroll, Angie Shilling, coach Sobczak, coach Simon; **Back row:** Lisa Mino, Teresa Waldinger, Anna Fuller, Amber Cobb, Amy May



1997 MEN'S TRACK TEAM/ FIFTH PLACE AT NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sitting: Steve Pulver, Kevin Schofield, Ryan Board, Andy Snook, Weert Goldenstein, Tony Rizzo, Zach Bukal, Cory Most, Norman Robinson, Ryan Butler, Kory Kokinda, Gerard Miller, Charles Califf, Mike Neidig, Greg Huffaker, Matt Brill, Jeff Zematis; **2nd row:** Mahesh Narayanan (manager), Ed Haugens, Vince Reh, Chris Shirkey, Joel Kepple, Joel Williams, Emil Ostberg, Norman Johnson, David Thompson, Brian Evans, Mike Wichmann, Jack Kafel, Jason Smith, Steve Donnelly, Nate Montgomery, Jeremy Bivens, Tony Swaekauski; **3rd row:** Coach Tim Winder, Coach Jims Dickerson, James Witte, Will Swain, Glen Krisch, Matthew Krump, Jef Bral, Adam Kordalewski, Ferris Akabawi, Jeff Johnson, Tiim McCoskey, Joe Hubbard, Greg Burks, Craig Addison, Nate Ostrye, Steve Witte, Coach Ed Wallace, Coach Al Carius, Coach Frank Gramarosso; **Back row:** Eric Mayahew, Andy Stephens, Nick Erdmann, Joel Curry Douglas Wightman, Nathan Breed, Brian Welch, Steve Draminski, Matt Heintzelman, Bradley Henz, Jeff Stiles, Chad Hillman, Cameron Stuber, Nick Stelzer, Jason Mayer, Jeff Hansen, Jeff Flack (trainer)

SOPHOMORE STANDOUT

Pristina Jones leaped to a fourth place national finish in the long jump as well as being a member of two relay teams that placed second and third.



ALL-AMERICAN

Junior David Thompson ran a leg of the Cardinals' seventh-place 4x100 relay team at the outdoor national championships and also placed second nationally in the long jump.

National

ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

Matt Brill capped his senior year at NCC by winning the individual national cross country championship and the National Academic Athlete of the Year Award.



Brill is a champion both on and off the track

by Mike Koon

Courtesy of NCC office
of public information

During his senior year, Matt Brill not only triumphed as an NCAA Division III Cross Country champion. He was also the recipient of the prestigious National Academic Athlete of the Year Award, following in the footsteps of his former teammate John Weigel.

Specifically, Brill's award was the GTE College Division Fall/Winter At-Large National Academic Athlete of the Year. A select group of College Sports Information Directors of America vote in each national category.

Brill's category included athletes from across the United States and Canada in the NAIA, NCAA Division II and

NCAA Division III, representing the sports of cross country, fencing, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, soccer, swimming, water polo and wrestling. Brill was named the most outstanding of those athletes.

Brill, who placed second to Weigel at the 1995 national cross country championships, won the national cross country title in 1996 despite never before winning a college race, although he is one of the few who have earned All-America status for three seasons in the sport.

He has carried his winning style on to the track, where he has been a seven-time All-American, placing as high as second in the nation at the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships in the 5,000 meters.

Brill placed third and seventh

in the 10,000 and 5,000-meter runs, respectively, at the 1996 NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships held at North Central.

In the summer of 1994, Brill finished second at the Junior Nationals in the 10K, earning a spot on the Junior Olympic Team, which competed in Lisbon, Portugal.

He sat out this year's track season due to injury, but plans to return next spring to complete his eligibility.

The native of Stratford, N.J. has excelled away from running as well. He was the College's top Presidential Scholarship recipient. He also earned the "Make a Difference" scholarship for his countless hours of volunteer work and participated in North Central's rigorous College Scholar program.

An international business and Japanese major, Brill was the Student Volunteer Coordinator for the "Into the Streets" program, which sent more than 300 freshman throughout the area for a day of community service. He served as a tutor for the Junior Scholar program and has served on the Planning and Finance Board and Student Governing Board.

"It's a tremendous honor for Matt Brill to be recognized for achievement both on the track and in the classroom," said his coach, Al Carius.

"He is a great leader on this campus and a very deserving recipient. What I love most is watching people grow and mature and be successful in life. To think we as coaches have had a small part in their development is gratifying."

Champions

Freshman Boatright looks ahead to Olympics

by Bill Kindt

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from the Aurora Beacon-News

There are as many reasons for picking a school of higher learning as there are colleges and universities. So, Lakeya Boatright, why did you choose North Central College in Naperville?

"I'm a daddy's girl," said Boatright, "and it's close to home and I didn't feel I was ready to leave home." What Boatright was ready to do was make a sprint into the ranks of NCAA Division III Track and Field superstars.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, Boatright, a freshman at NCC and a graduate of East Aurora High School, won the Division III championship in the 200 meters in 24.35 seconds, finished second in the 100 with a school and personal best 12.04, anchored the Cardinals' second-place 1,600 relay team and ran on the third-place 400 relay team.

She was named a Division III

All-American in all four events and was a prime reason why the Cardinals finished third in the team standings with 37 points.

"She (Boatright) has a lot of talent, but she also has a lot of poise," said NCC head coach Marcy Thurwachter. "In situations where you expect her to be nervous, she showed confidence."

That is the result of running on her father's age-group track team in the summer and competing four years at East High, where her high school career was disappointing.

After finishing fourth in the 200 as a freshman, Boatright suffered a back injury which forced her to miss the majority of her junior season. She made her senior year stand for missed opportunities with a second (200) and a third (100) in the state finals.

Boatright also missed out on the fun a winning team creates. She has found that again at North

Central.

In winning the Division III championship, Boatright knocked a full second off the time she ran in finishing second in the state a year ago. She credits two things -- weight training and running the quarter-mile (400-meters.)

"I did a lot of upper body lifting and I had more strength at the end of the race," said Boatright. "And, running the 400 helped. That gave me the confidence that I could finish the 200."

Although she never ran the 400 in high school, Boatright had a feeling she'd have to run it sooner or later. Thurwachter made it sooner when she more or less forced Boatright to train with the quarter-milers.

Another key to Boatright's national championship in the 200 was her poise. She never showed even an ounce of trepidation. That, according to Boatright, came mostly from daddy.

"Running with my daddy's team and going to state, I just knew the things to do," Boatright said. "I was tired mentally but it was the nationals and everything that you trained for and worked for was right there. I may have been tired (physically) but I didn't think about being tired."

Lakeya is too old to run on Tom's team this summer, but that hardly means she'll lounge around the house. Boatright will get a job, take a couple classes at Waubesa Community College, lift weights and work out.

All of it is aimed at something she has running around in the back of her mind. "My last year of college is the year 2000 and that's also an Olympic year," Boatright said. "That's (making the Olympic team) a dream. It will take a lot of work but I'm up for the challenge."

Until then, Lakeya Boatright isn't likely to stray too far from home. That is after, all, where daddy is.



TRACK SUPERSTAR

A Division III All-American in all four events she participated in at track nationals, Freshman Lakeya Boatright led her team to a third-place national finish.

THAT OLD SCHOOL SPIRIT

Dance team members helped pump up the crowd during the football season. Front row: Lynda Gallico, Carrie Welsh, Emily Ruggiero; 2nd row: Jenny Safiran, Samantha Cione, Fadia Akrabawi; 3rd row: Sarah Hayes, Heather Beaty, Stephanie Schuld; top: Susanne Burke.

Overcoming obstacles

Cheerleaders seek sports team status

by Joe Dennis and Samantha Cione

The Cardinal Dance Team and Cheerleaders, who struggled throughout the year to find a consistent practice space, are continuing their quest to be recognized as athletic teams.

The cheerleading squad was without an adviser this year. Both squads believe that recognition as athletic teams would give them more accessibility and priority at Merner Fieldhouse.

"We are a team that represents NCC," said Belinda Vela, who served as the Dance Team adviser for the year. "Someone needs to acknowledge that and help us out."

Ken Benson, co-captain of the cheerleaders, added, "We're trying to make a case that we're a co-ed team and do just as much as other teams do."

Becoming an athletic team would be a difficult process for the two squads, according to Athletic Director Walter Johnson. "They don't have a coach and are not currently set up for funds," he said. "We don't have the resources to fund them."

Even if the teams were funded through the college and recognized as athletic teams, bigger barriers would arise. "We are open to NCAA rules," said Johnson, "and they do not sanction them as a sport."

At the end of the school year, dance team adviser Belinda Vela stepped aside to make room for a new dance team and cheerleading coach, Ruthie Cooper.

"I will miss everyone, but this is a positive step for both the Cardinal dance team and cheerleaders," Vela said.

Cooper, a graduate of Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu, said, "This is my first year coaching at the college level, but I foresee it taking off and in the long run it will be really exciting. I want an athletic squad that has many abilities and personalities."

1996-97 Dance Team members included Fadia Akrabawi, Heather Beaty, Susanne Burke, Samantha Cione, Lynda Gallico, Sarah Hayes, Emily Ruggiero, Jenny Safiran, Stephanie Schuld and Carrie Welsh.

Combining dance team and cheerleading into one squad with Cooper as coach will be a positive step for next year, according to junior squad member Janny Safiran.



FIRING UP THE CROWD

Dance team members (from left) Heather Beaty, Samantha Cione, Sarah Hayes, Jenny Safiran and Stephanie Schuld helped entertain the crowd during half-time at the football games at Kroehler Field.



THANKS, SENIORS

Below, seniors Sarah Hayes and Stephanie Schultdt smile after receiving a graduation cake from their fellow team members. Samantha Cione was the other senior that the team lost to graduation.



DEDICATED ADVISER

Three members of the Dance Team pose with their adviser, who resigned at the end of the year to make way for a new coach. From left, Emily Ruggiero, Jenny Safiran, Fadia Akabawi, and adviser Belinda Vela.



FRIGHTFUL FACES

Members of the Dance Team show a different side as they model their new image for Halloween.



HOMECOMING HOOPLA

Members of the Dance Team pose in the back of their truck prior to the beginning of the Homecoming parade.

SENIOR STANDOUT

Transfer Chris Glanz led the Cardinals with 12 home runs, 13 doubles, five triples and 45 RBIs for the season.

Coach Kulawiak passes 200-win mark at NCC Baseball team finishes second in conference

Glanz leads NCC sluggers

The NCC baseball team finished second in the CCIW North Division and advanced to the conference tournament for the fifth straight season.

The Cardinals finished with an overall record of 25-18, the eighth time in the last 13 years they have won 25 or more games. They were ranked as high as 20th in the country after a 17-9 start.

For the second straight year, a newcomer made an impact for the team. Wheaton native Chris Glanz transferred to North Central from East Carolina University and produced an all-CCIW and all-Central Region caliber season.

Glanz hit .375 with 12 home runs, 13 doubles, five triples and 45 RBIs. He ranks fourth in triples, seventh in total bases (116), seventh in home runs, ninth in RBIs and ninth in slugging percentage (.763) on NCC's all-time single-season list.

Catcher Dan Grimm was also named second-team all-Central Region and all-CCIW after hit-

ting .409 with a .528 on-base percentage. He has a .397 career average after his first two seasons as a Cardinal.

The Cardinals swept Carthage College, which placed fourth in the nation, early in the season with temperatures hovering just above freezing. Matt Bieber, '99, a second-team all-CCIW choice, tossed a six-hit shutout in an 8-0 win in game one. Shortstop John Wideikis '98, also a second-team all-conference choice, tripled and drove in four runs in the game.

In the second game North Central overcame a 4-1 deficit to win 5-4.

Junior Chris Pryzdia was the Cardinals' workhorse from the mound, striking out 64 men in 70.1 innings pitched.

Pryzdia, a first-team all-CCIW honoree, needs 29 strikeouts next season to become the Cardinals' strikeout king.

Kalivas named to all-Midwest team

For the eighth time in nine seasons, coach Jim Kulawiak has guided the softball team to a 20-win season.

The Cardinals finished 22-12 and earned fifth

place in the CCIW. In the process, "Coach K" won his 200th career game and raised his overall record at NCC to 218-200.

Three Cardinals were named all-CCIW. Junior Kris Kalivas not only received all-CCIW honors for the third year in a row, but was also named second-team All-Midwest, marking the third time she has appeared on the list.

Kalivas batted .448 with nine doubles, one triple, one home run, 36 runs scored and 20 RBIs. She ranked second in the CCIW in doubles, third in home runs and fifth in stolen bases with three.

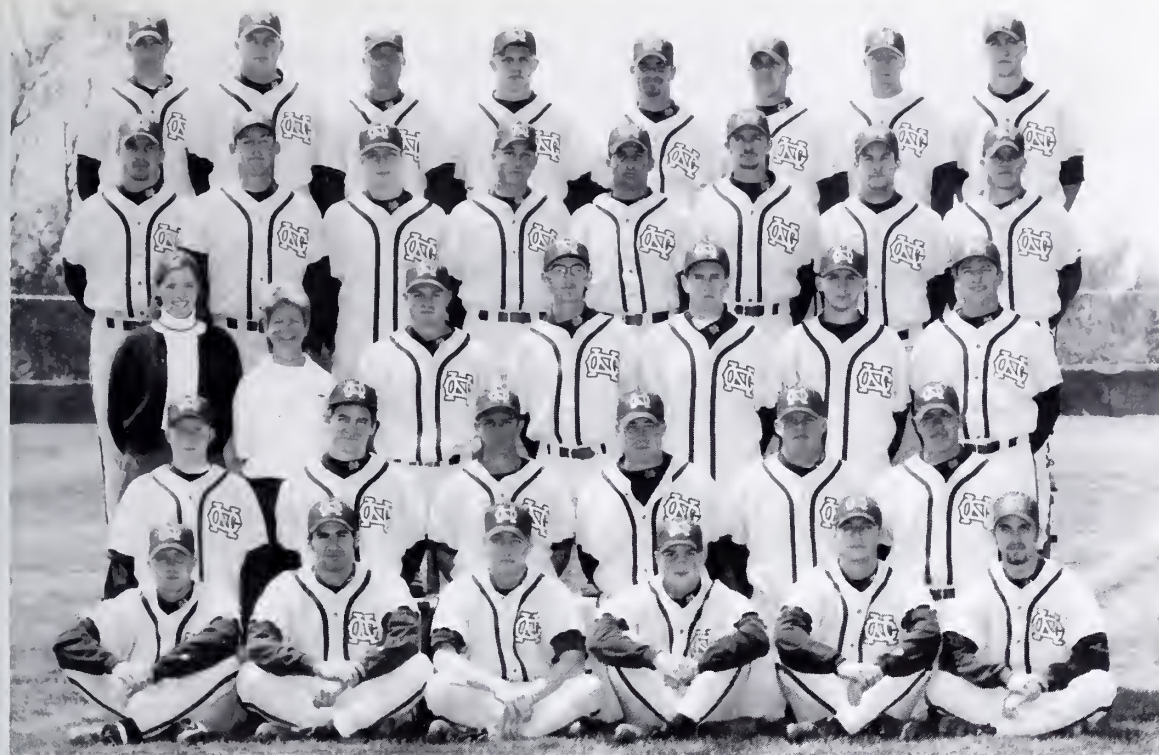
A pair of freshmen were also named to the squad. Freshman catcher Amber Larson, who was named CCIW Player of the Week early in the season, was named all-conference after batting .348 with 17 runs, five doubles, one triple and a team-leading three home runs. For the season Larson batted .403.

Freshman Jennifer Hill, the Cardinals' other all-conference selection, is one of North Central's bright young stars. She hit .273 (29 of 106) with 15 RBIs, four doubles and two triples and ranked second on the team with 11 bases on balls.



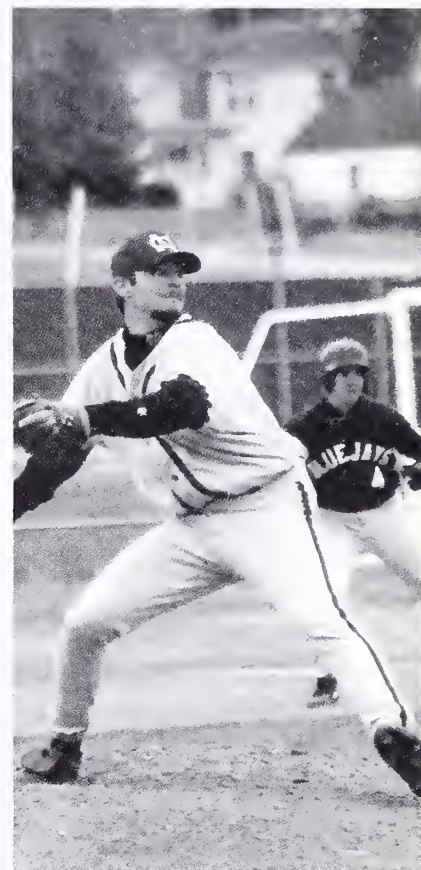
ALL-MIDWEST HONOREE

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1997 BASEBALL TEAM

Front row: Cory Stevens, Matt Perez, Matt Bieber, Zach Bukal, Scott Kruger, Dan Grimm; 2nd row: Steve Mrizek, Mike Christensen, John Wideikis, Craig Tomczak, John Buhs, Matt Skarr; 3rd row: Manager Christine Atkins, trainer Jill Ferree, Mike Faust, Mike Albinak, Brian Summers, Jon Nolan, Head Coach Ed Mathey; 4th row: Ray Napientek, Ryan Passaglia, Alan Stoughton, Mat Rathbun, John Frano, Chris Pryzdia, Patrick Berryman, Chris Hamric; Top row: Chris Colmone, Jon DeYoung, Chris Glanz, Andy Petersen, Ken Benson, Mike Jettner, Bill Howe, Jacob Kosiara



PITCHING ACE

Junior Chris Pryzdia was named to the first-team all-conference. In 70 innings pitched, he had 64 strikeouts.



1997 SOFTBALL TEAM

Bottom row: Chris Johnson, Amy Carlson, Lisa Dolan, Leah Fulfer, Kris Kalivas, Tracy Jackway; Middle row: Marianne McOmber, Janine Kela, trainer Jake Huber, Melanie Iliff, Val Worthen; Top row: Coach Tom Spika, Amber Larson, Karen Wojcik, Jennifer Hill, coach Steve Kaczmar, head coach Jim Kulawiak

Students from diverse backgrounds come together

In the campus melting pot

Each fall they converge on the NCC campus from scattered locations. Some come from Naperville, others from far-away states or foreign countries. They come with varied backgrounds, interests and beliefs. These students may have many differences, but they also create a community called the NCC student body. Together, they share a common desire for making the most of their college experience.



Finding the library lounge chairs a good place to relax and talk, Dawn Gallinger (left) and Lisa Mino take a break from their studies.

In the springtime, the steps of the Science Center provide a popular vantage point for viewing the sidewalk traffic below.





(Top) Warm spring weather provides a good excuse for a game of Frisbee on the Oesterle Library lawn.

(Middle) Like many students, Christine Pless stops by the Cage for a quick snack and some study time.

(Bottom) Freshman Eric Lindley works on a project in the Carnegie computer lab.

(Left) Darren Davis stops in at the White Activities Center office, a central clearinghouse for student information.

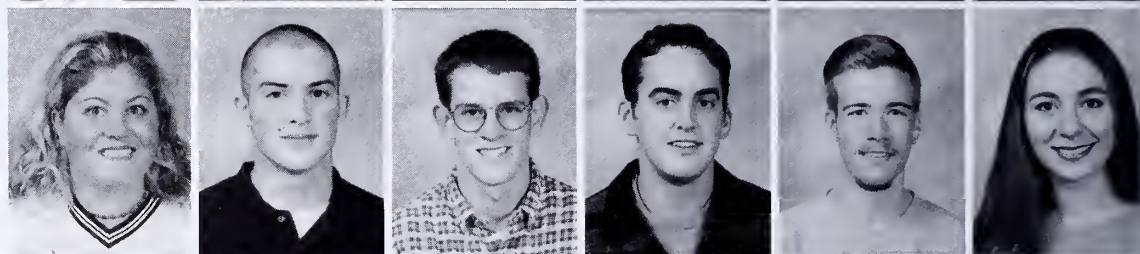
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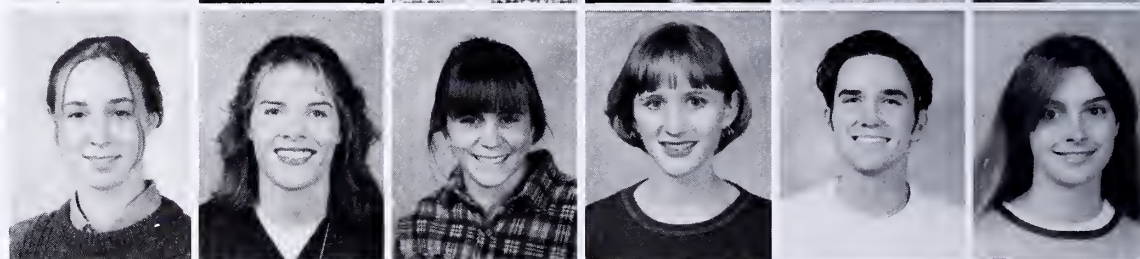
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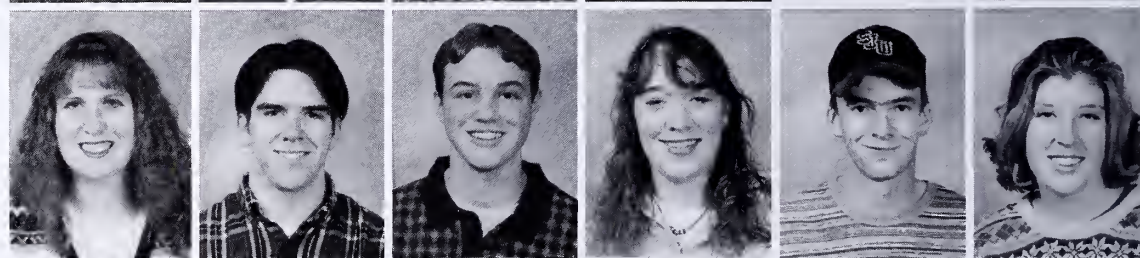
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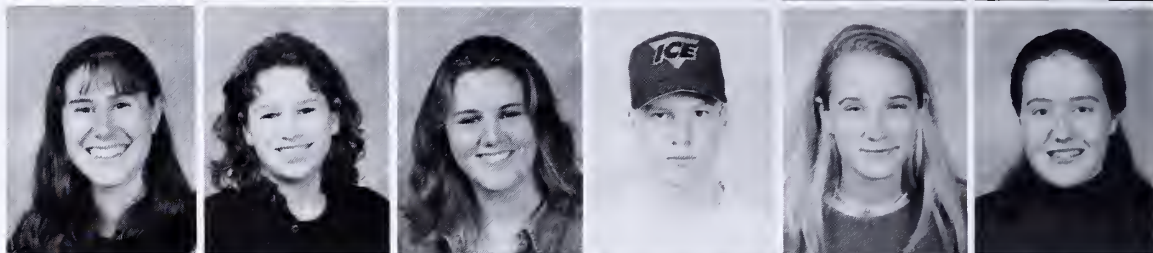
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Animal House

Freshman males call Seager home for the school year

by Jon Shapiro

Most male freshmen have the awkward, yet enjoyable experience of spending their first year away from home in Seager Hall.

Seager is a notorious building that every resident knows about because Seager is the only all-male dorm on the entire campus.

To break down what life is really like at Seager, each of the four floors must be described individually.

The first floor is full of activity. Besides the fact that everyone must enter the building on the first floor, there is also a lounge/gameroom where you can usually find several students shooting pool or playing ping-pong or watching the big screen television.

On occasion, the first floor can get pretty loud. Dave Martinez, the first floor R.A., said, "Living on the first floor is super cool cause each resident is hand-picked and tested for quality and zestiness!"

The second floor at Seager is a little different from the first. There is not as much

activity on the second floor, although it does have some outbursts. I also noticed that the second floor housed many Green Bay Packer fans.

According to freshman Nick Erdmann, second floor resident, "It's a normal floor with a couple of wackos!"

Tom Renardo said the best part about second floor Seager was "the pizza party we have once a week."

After climbing up the stairs, I took a pit stop at the third floor. At the time, the floor seemed quite deserted and quiet.

When I asked junior Ryan Wolland, third floor R.A., what is so great about life on third floor Seager, he answered. "I live there and my residents are cool too."

Freshman Eric Lindley described the floor as "somewhere between crazy and tranquil."

To add to the crazy part of the floor, freshman Greg Applebee said, "The bathroom door has already been ripped off its hinges."

On the other end of the spectrum, third floor resident, freshman Nick Yeager said, "It's boring and quiet and not



Seager Hall, which houses primarily freshmen, and is North Central's only all-male dorm, has a reputation as one of the rowdier halls on campus.

as loud and annoying as the fourth floor."

I finally finished my climb and returned home to fourth floor Seager. As usual, about 17 different styles of music were being played at extremely loud volumes, and several individuals were in the hall.

According to fourth floor R.A., junior Jamie Molitor, "Life on fourth floor Seager is always exciting. Each of my

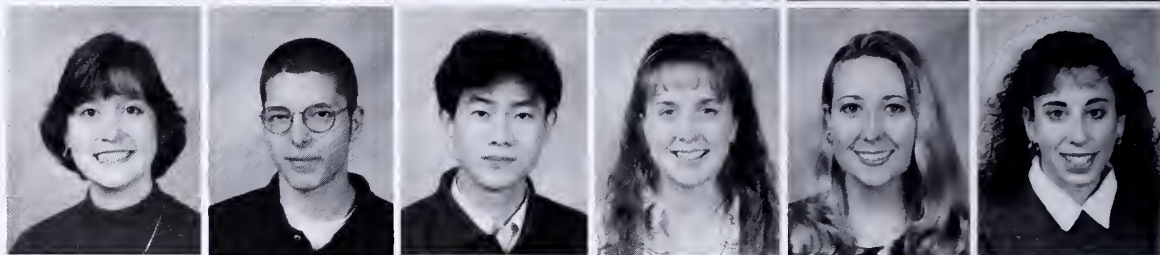
residents are outstanding individuals and together we make a dynamic unit...plus, chicks dig us!"

The most noticeable difference between floors in Seager is the volume levels. When you leave the fourth floor, a sharp, stinging pain of quietness hits your ears and you can tell that fourth floor life is much different than the rest of Seager.

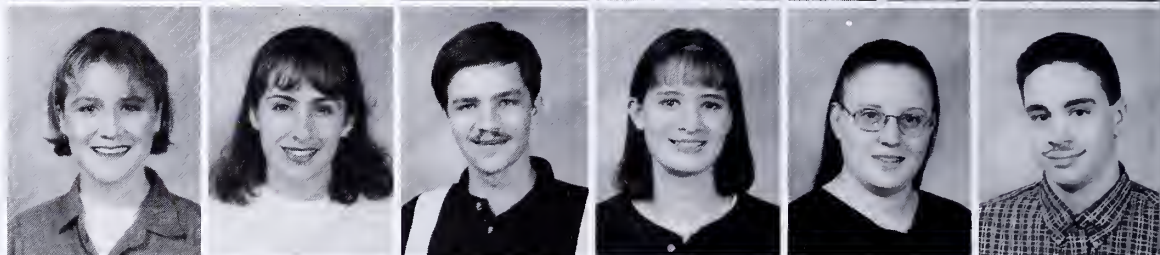
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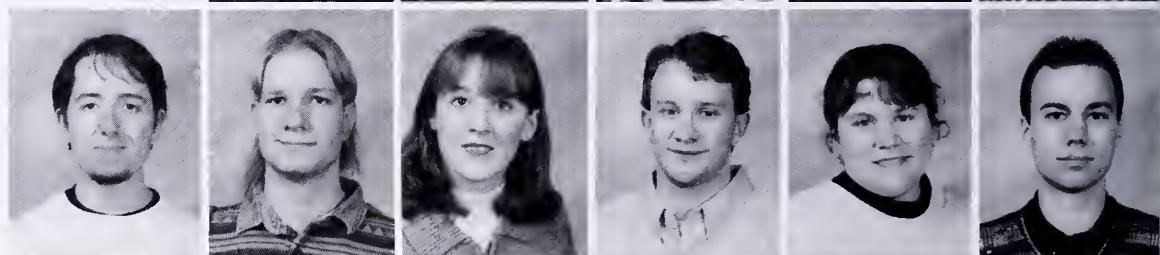
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How have your plans for your future changed since entering college?



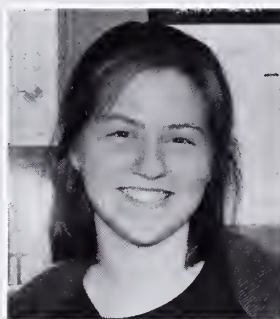
Sarah Brown

"They've changed about five times, and I'm still uncertain. I think maybe now I'd like to do something with library science."



Jeremy Gudauskas

"I have a major, but I don't have plans. I guess you could say I don't have major plans."



Pam Williams

"I'm still not sure what I want to do, but I do know that I want to work with animals. I'm not sure if I still would like to go to graduate school like I thought I would when I came to college."



Joe Pope

"They've changed like eight times. When I came here, I was a political science major. Then I was secondary education and then I was elementary education. I finally decided on organizational communication and I think that's where I'm going to stay."

Striking a balance

Hillary Victor juggles acting and academics

by Nichole Evans

"I love being in front of a camera...I feel at home," says junior Hillary Victor. For most of her life, she has either been modeling or acting in some form.

Of course, balancing careers as a full-time student, actress and model has its challenges. Victor sometimes spends up to 40 hours a week working as well as attending classes and extracurricular activities.

"You have to make trade-offs and set priorities -- decide what it is that you really want," she says.

Victor has had much experience making these trade-offs. "I did my first professional job for Saks Fifth Avenue when I was in grade school," she says.

She has stayed involved with modeling and acting throughout high school and college. "You've got to learn how to separate the two very different worlds," she says.

Victor feels that she has done a relatively good job of striking a balance between her two separate



Hillary Victor

"I'm really impressed with Hillary's hard work and dedication. You don't often see students with so much ambition and energy."

Dr. Richard Paine

worlds. During her first two years as a student at the College of DuPage, she maintained a near 4.0

grade average and was a four-time national finalist at the Phi Rho Pi Junior College National Speech

Tournament.

When she transferred to North Central last fall, Victor continued her involvement with the forensics team and is a speech communication major.

Most recently, Victor has also branched out into casting. "It's different being on the other side of the camera," she says.

Currently, she is working as a coordinator for a casting director in Chicago. "Basically, I set up auditions, make sure everyone's needs are being met on the set...and keep things running smoothly," she says.

Victor is now featured in a one-year series of GART sporting goods commercials running on the West Coast. She is probably most recognized for her "free after four" commercials that she did for Subway restaurants. She also has done extensive print work for photographers in Chicago and Arizona.

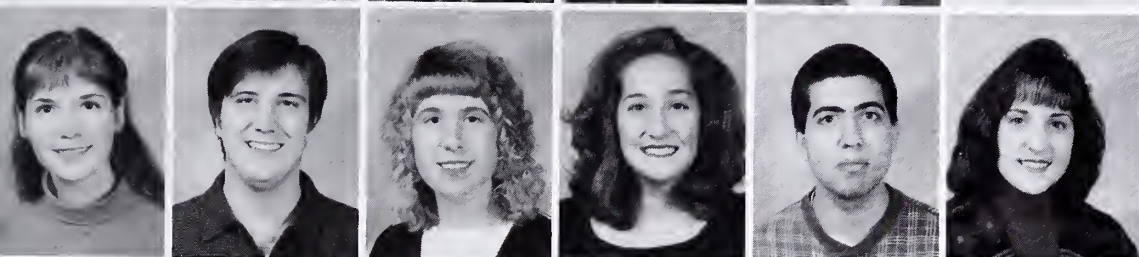
Victor plans to continue her careers in the modeling, casting and acting industries. As she says, "...it's addictive."



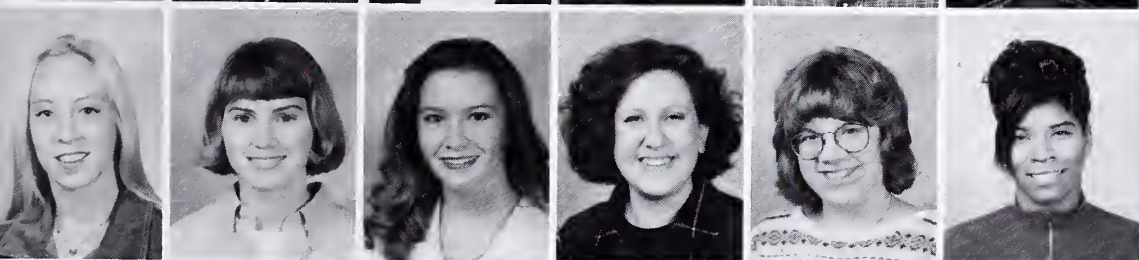
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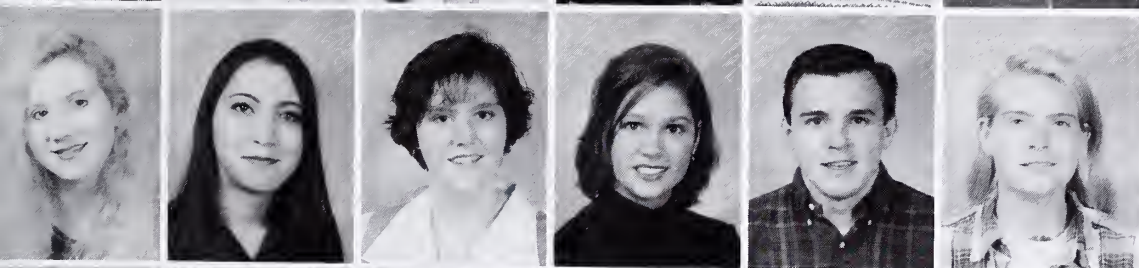
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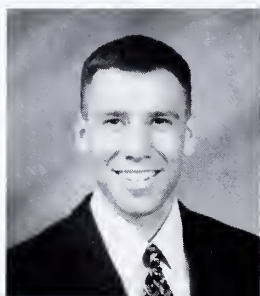
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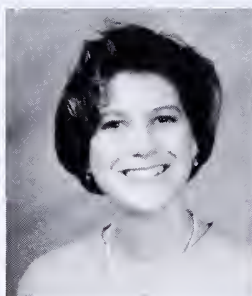
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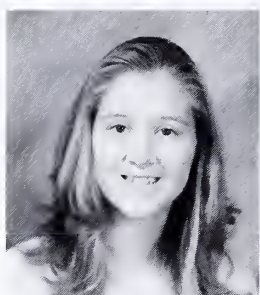
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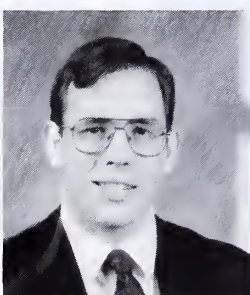
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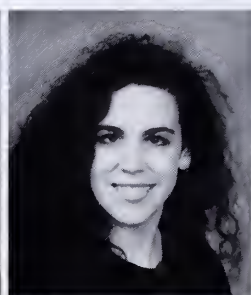
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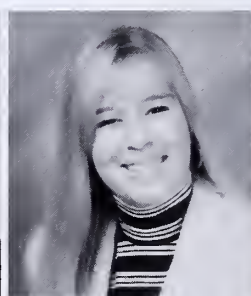
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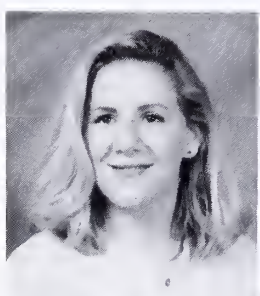
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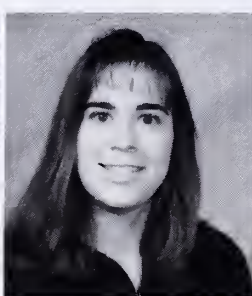
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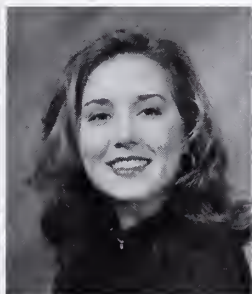
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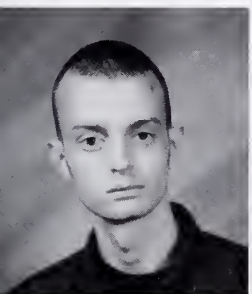
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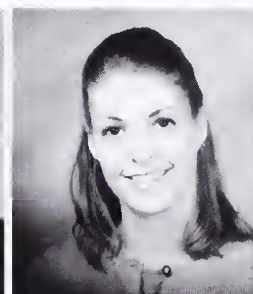
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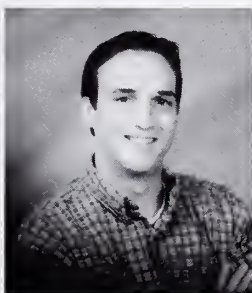
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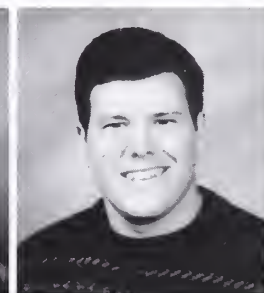
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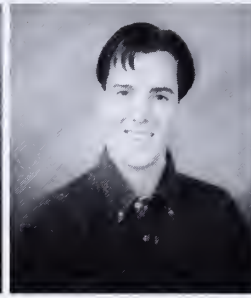
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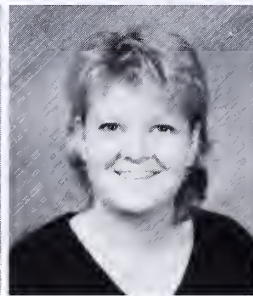
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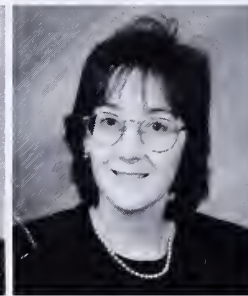
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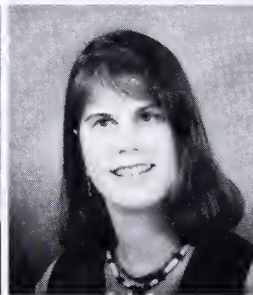
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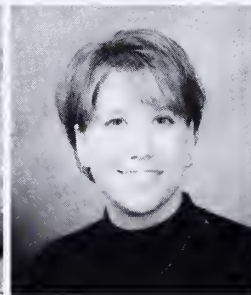
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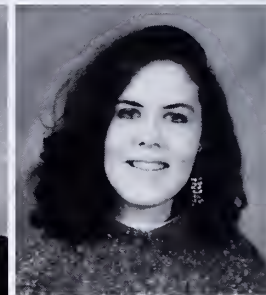
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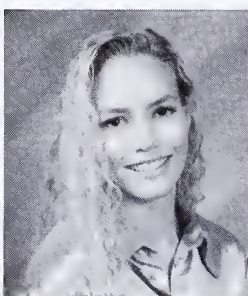
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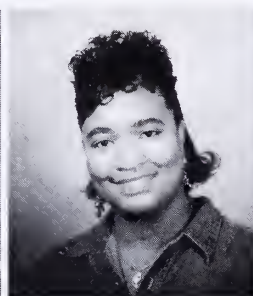
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Senior is bound for University of Texas

Baird accepted into prestigious program

by Amy Ory

Only three people in the nation were accepted into the master's program in medical physics at the University of Texas in Houston for next fall, and North Central College senior Christopher Baird is one of the chosen few who was preparing to pack his bags after receiving his acceptance.

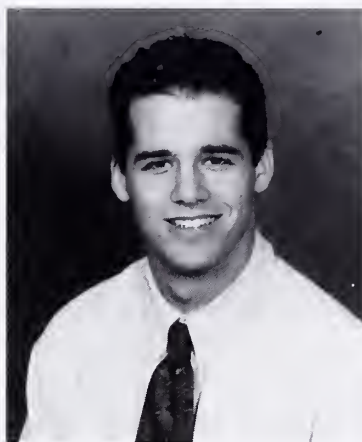
Baird, a physics major and chemistry and math minor, has been on the President's list, which requires a minimum grade point average of 3.6 out of 4.0. Baird was

also a member of the football team for four years.

He became interested in medical physics during his freshman year when Dr. Mary Liaw, professor of physics, started a medical physics co-op with Rush University in Chicago.

"It was very interesting and seemed very worthwhile," Baird said.

Medical physics involves the use of radiation and physics with the involvement of devices such as MRIs and ultrasounds to detect and treat cancer, according to Baird.



Christopher Baird

"You can now get clear three-dimensional images," Baird said.

After a successful interview, Baird's decision was made. There are only seven accredited medical physics pro-

grams in the country, according to Baird, and he chose Texas.

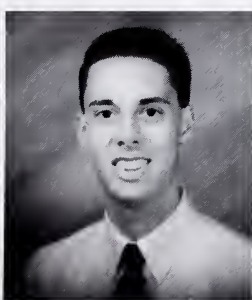
The future holds no definite plans for Baird. For now, he plans on getting his master's degree and working clinically with radiation treatment of terminal illness.

However, he adds that he is also interested in getting his Ph.D., which would give him the opportunity to do research and teach as well.

"I look forward to starting and I think it's going to be exciting," said Baird.



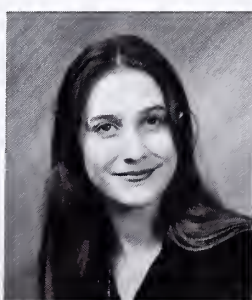
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Old Main On the Move

As the year drew to a close, temporary modular buildings began sprouting like mushrooms across campus as one Old Main office after another completed a painstaking move to cramped quarters.

The new office locations took some getting used to. But the one-year inconvenience also brought with it the promise of a return to state-of-the-art facilities when Old Main re-opens its doors in the fall of 1998.





Above, Becky Coolbroth, director of the Print Shop, prepares to pack up belongings for the move into temporary lodging for the 1997-98 school year.

At left, the modular unit directly in back of Goldspohn Hall awaits its new occupants from the Print Shop.

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Below, the Harold and Eva White Activities Center was a central meeting spot for students throughout the year, whether they were eating in the Cage, checking their mail or attending meetings and cultural events.
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